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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : CASE NO. 1:18-cr-0043
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Plaintiff, :
vs. : JURY TRIAL
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YANJUN XU, also known as XU : 27th of OCTOBER, 2021
YANJUN, also known as QU HUI, : 9:30 A.M.
also known as ZHANG HUI, :
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Defendant. :
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY S. BLACK, JUDGE
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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S 9:38 A.M.

09:38:11 2 (In open court outside the presence of the jury.)

09:38:11 3 THE COURT: Good morning. We're here in the open
09:38:14 4 courtroom, 9:38. I'm sorry to keep you waiting.

09:38:18 5 The government filed a motion last night in response to
09:38:22 6 the Court's communication regarding what we talked about at
09:38:27 7 the break. I'd like to address that later if that's
09:38:31 8 acceptable so we don't keep the jury waiting. Is that
09:38:34 9 acceptable to the government?

09:38:38 10 MR. MANGAN: It is, Your Honor. I don't think it
09:38:41 11 would come up this morning. If we could have some clarity by
09:38:44 12 the lunch break, that would help.

09:38:46 13 THE COURT: Very well. The defense acquiesce with
09:38:49 14 that as well?

09:38:52 15 MR. MIEDEL: Yes, Your Honor. I have one or two
09:38:55 16 items to raise concerning the testimony of Arthur Gau, who is
09:38:58 17 going to testify later this morning. We can take it up before
09:39:00 18 he testifies rather than now, but I just wanted to flag it.

09:39:02 19 THE COURT: Thank you for flagging it.

09:39:05 20 And is the defense ready for the jury?

09:39:07 21 MS. CORS: Yes, Your Honor.

09:39:08 22 THE COURT: And the government as well?

09:39:10 23 MR. MCKENZIE: I am, Your Honor. I just wanted to
09:39:11 24 point out that we have a new interpreter that would likely
09:39:14 25 need to be sworn in. I didn't know if you wanted to do that

09:39:18 1 before the jury or not.

09:39:19 2 THE COURT: Thank you for bringing that to my
09:39:21 3 attention.

09:39:22 4 Good morning, Madam Interpreter. Would you stand and
09:39:25 5 take the oath to accurately translate the proceeding.

09:39:27 6 Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will accurately
09:39:31 7 translate the proceedings?

09:39:34 8 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

09:39:35 9 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated. Thank
09:39:41 10 you for being here.

09:39:44 11 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

09:39:50 12 THE COURT: Let's call for the jury.

09:41:30 13 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

09:41:32 14 (Jury in at 9:41 a.m.)

09:42:05 15 THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you. The
09:42:08 16 15 jurors have arrived. Good morning and welcome back. I
09:42:12 17 told you this a couple of times; I want you to believe it
09:42:15 18 deep, deep inside. The Court and the community and the
09:42:18 19 participants appreciate your work.

09:42:22 20 We're going to continue with the testimony of this
09:42:26 21 gentleman. He's still under oath.

09:42:28 22 The government may proceed.

09:42:31 23 **ADAM ROBERT JAMES, PLAINTIFF WITNESS, PREVIOUSLY SWORN**

09:42:31 24 MR. McKENZIE: Thank you, Your Honor. For the
09:42:36 25 record, this is Matthew McKenzie for the government.

09:42:39 1 THE COURT: Very well. Can you orient those
09:42:45 2 microphones, please.

09:42:46 3 MR. McKENZIE: Is this better, Your Honor?

09:42:48 4 THE COURT: A little bit.

09:42:52 5 MR. McKENZIE: I will try to keep my voice up.

09:42:54 6 THE COURT: That's perfect.

09:42:56 7 DIRECT EXAMINATION (CONT.)

09:42:56 8 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:42:56 9 Q. Speaking of reorienting, Special Agent James, I'd like to
09:43:00 10 direct your attention to the forensic analysis that you
09:43:03 11 conducted of the hard drive that we discussed yesterday.

09:43:11 12 You mentioned a type of malware that you found called
09:43:18 13 Sakula. Remind the jury what type of malware Sakula is.

09:43:27 14 A. Sakula is a remote access trojan that beacons to the
09:43:30 15 Internet.

09:43:32 16 Q. Do remote access trojans, are they a type of trojan
09:43:36 17 horse?

09:43:37 18 A. They are.

09:43:43 19 Q. And please remind us, on what date was the Sakula malware
09:43:48 20 installed on the hard drive you analyzed?

09:43:52 21 A. January 25th of 2014.

09:43:58 22 MR. McKENZIE: Your Honor, I ask that we publish
09:44:00 23 Government's Exhibit 110 on page 1 -- on page 3.

09:44:06 24 THE COURT: It's been admitted?

09:44:08 25 MR. McKENZIE: Which has been admitted, yes.

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09:44:10 1 THE COURT: Yes, you may publish it.

09:44:12 2 And if the special agent would keep his voice up, please.

09:44:17 3 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

09:44:18 4 MR. McKENZIE: I apologize. Page 4. My mistake.

09:44:24 5 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:44:25 6 Q. Just to again get us reoriented, directing your attention
09:44:30 7 to the first message sent on January 25, 2014, will you please
09:44:35 8 read that message?

09:44:37 9 A. "The horse is planted. This morning."

09:44:40 10 Q. Who sent that message.

09:44:42 11 A. Tian Xi.

09:44:46 12 MR. McKENZIE: To refresh our recollection on who
09:44:49 13 Tian Xi is, may I please publish Government's Exhibit 111,
09:44:54 14 page 6, which is in evidence?

09:45:06 15 THE COURT: Yes.

09:45:06 16 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:45:06 17 Q. Directing your attention to the top right column, do you
09:45:09 18 see the name Tian Xi?

09:45:12 19 A. I do.

09:45:12 20 Q. Directing your attention to the first sentence of the
09:45:16 21 first full paragraph, does it identify Tian Xi as a
09:45:24 22 manufacturing engineer?

09:45:25 23 A. It does.

09:45:28 24 MR. McKENZIE: Okay. I would like to return one
09:45:33 25 more time to Government's Exhibit 110, page 4?

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09:45:37 1 THE COURT: Yes.

09:45:45 2 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:45:45 3 Q. Directing your attention to the first message of January
09:45:48 4 25, 2014, to whom did Tian send that message?

09:45:52 5 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:46:02 6 Q. Okay. I think we are now back to where we were
09:46:04 7 yesterday.

09:46:04 8 I'd like to return to your forensic analysis. Yesterday
09:46:10 9 you discussed the Sakula malware, but you also mentioned a
09:46:14 10 second type of malware that you discovered. Will you remind
09:46:17 11 us what that program is called?

09:46:19 12 A. That program is called plugX.

09:46:22 13 Q. How many types of variants of plugX did you find on
09:46:28 14 the -- on the hard drive?

09:46:28 15 A. There were two different versions of plugX on the hard
09:46:33 16 drive.

09:46:33 17 Q. Will you explain to the jury what it means to have
09:46:37 18 multiple versions of plugX?

09:46:43 19 A. What it means to have multiple versions of plugX is
09:46:46 20 there are actually two sets of files related to the plugX
09:46:50 21 malware that were independent of each other.

09:46:54 22 Q. Did you analyze both sets of files?

09:46:56 23 A. I did.

09:46:57 24 Q. Did both of them work?

09:46:58 25 A. No, they did not both work.

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09:47:01 1 Q. Tell the jury what you mean by that.

09:47:03 2 A. So the plugX malware is composed of several different
09:47:10 3 files that it needs to have in order to operate correctly.
09:47:14 4 One of the variants of plugX, one of the files appeared to
09:47:19 5 be corrupted, and so it did not run properly when you
09:47:23 6 attempted to run it. Or when I attempted to run it.

09:47:27 7 Q. And what about the other variant of plugX? Did that
09:47:31 8 work?

09:47:32 9 A. The other variant did work properly.

09:47:34 10 Q. What type of malware is plugX?

09:47:37 11 A. PlugX is a remote access trojan.

09:47:41 12 Q. And what happened when you ran the variant of plugX that
09:47:44 13 worked?

09:47:45 14 A. The variant that successfully ran would issue a beacon
09:47:50 15 to a domain on the Internet.

09:47:52 16 Q. Were you able to determine what that domain was?

09:47:55 17 A. I was.

09:47:55 18 Q. And what was that domain?

09:47:58 19 A. The domain for the variant of plugX that worked was
09:48:04 20 ns24.dnsdojo.com.

09:48:12 21 Q. Do you sometimes refer to that as dnsdojo.com?

09:48:17 22 A. I do.

09:48:19 23 Q. What does it mean in plain English that the program
09:48:24 24 beacons to this dnsdojo.com?

09:48:27 25 A. The beacon to dnsdojo.com was a way for the malware to

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09:48:33 1 check in with the computer intruders that intended to
09:48:37 2 control it.

09:48:38 3 Q. Based on your analysis of the hard drive, did the plugX
09:48:44 4 program actually beacon out to dnsdojo.com?

09:48:49 5 A. From my analysis of the hard drive, I could not
09:48:51 6 determine that.

09:48:51 7 Q. Were you able to determine that it was designed to do so?

09:48:55 8 A. Yes.

09:48:56 9 Q. Are you familiar with the term "Crowd Strike"?

09:49:02 10 A. I am.

09:49:03 11 Q. What is Crowd Strike?

09:49:05 12 A. Crowd Strike is a US information security and incident
09:49:09 13 response company.

09:49:10 14 Q. Does Crowd Strike publish publicly available blog posts
09:49:17 15 about hacking activities?

09:49:18 16 A. They do.

09:49:18 17 Q. Directing your attention to on or about February 25,
09:49:24 18 2014, did there come a time that you became aware of a blog
09:49:28 19 post on Crowd Strike?

09:49:34 20 MS. CORS: Your Honor, objection.

09:49:35 21 THE COURT: Basis?

09:49:37 22 MS. CORS: Hearsay.

09:49:40 23 MR. MCKENZIE: I haven't gotten into the substance
09:49:42 24 of anything yet.

09:49:42 25 THE COURT: We are not there yet. Overruled.

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09:49:45 1 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:49:45 2 Q. Did you become aware of a blog post on Crowd Strike?

09:49:48 3 A. I was aware that there was a blog post.

09:49:52 4 Q. Without getting into the details, what was the general

09:49:55 5 topic of the post?

09:49:56 6 A. The general topic of the post was computer intrusion

09:50:00 7 activity targeting French aerospace.

09:50:04 8 Q. Was that post published on the Internet?

09:50:07 9 A. It was.

09:50:07 10 Q. I'd like to direct your attention back to Government's

09:50:12 11 Exhibit 110, page 4. And I'd like to begin with the messages

09:50:28 12 on February 25, 2014. Will you please read just the first

09:50:34 13 message?

09:50:35 14 A. "Call me back as soon as possible."

09:50:40 15 Q. Who sent that message?

09:50:41 16 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:50:45 17 Q. To whom did he send it?

09:50:47 18 A. Chai Meng.

09:50:50 19 Q. On what date was this message sent?

09:50:52 20 A. February 25th of 2014.

09:50:56 21 Q. On what date did Crowd Strike publish the blog post about

09:51:01 22 hacking activities targeting French aerospace?

09:51:05 23 A. February 25th of 2014.

09:51:08 24 Q. I'd like to read the remaining messages on the page. I

09:51:13 25 will read the messages sent by Chai Meng.

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09:51:20 1 So please read the next message.

09:51:23 2 A. "What does Chen mean?"

09:51:24 3 Q. "Chen is still reporting, and I'm waiting for him to come

09:51:27 4 out."

09:51:28 5 A. "Ah. How will Chen Li react to this matter? The mail

09:51:34 6 has been forwarded to your email address."

09:51:39 7 MR. McKENZIE: Could we please go to page 5?

09:51:42 8 THE COURT: Yes.

09:51:46 9 BY MR. McKENZIE:

09:51:46 10 Q. Let us continue with the next two messages.

09:51:52 11 "Okay."

09:51:53 12 A. "The part with the red marking in the attachment, is

09:51:56 13 that being flagged by Suzhou's investigation?"

09:52:05 14 Q. Who sent that last message?

09:52:08 15 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:52:10 16 Q. To whom did he send it?

09:52:12 17 A. Chai Meng.

09:52:13 18 Q. Where is Safran Suzhou located?

09:52:20 19 A. In Suzhou.

09:52:22 20 Q. And who is the parent company of Safran Suzhou?

09:52:27 21 A. Safran Group.

09:52:31 22 Q. What company owns the computer that you analyzed?

09:52:35 23 A. Safran.

09:52:37 24 Q. In what company -- in what country is Safran located?

09:52:40 25 A. They are located in France.

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09:52:44 1 Q. Will you please read the next message.

09:52:48 2 A. "Your QQ."

09:52:50 3 Q. Do you know what "QQ" stands for or what "QQ" is?

09:52:54 4 A. I do.

09:52:55 5 Q. What is QQ?

09:52:56 6 A. QQ is -- the most common thing it's used for is a

09:53:02 7 mobile messaging app.

09:53:05 8 Q. Is it popular in China?

09:53:07 9 A. It is.

09:53:08 10 Q. We will go through these messages. I will read Song

09:53:16 11 Sicheng. He responded with a series of numbers.

09:53:21 12 Please read the next message.

09:53:23 13 A. "Received. Sent already."

09:53:27 14 Q. "Okay. I am receiving it."

09:53:31 15 Directing your attention to the next set of messages,

09:53:35 16 will you please read the -- just the next message?

09:53:39 17 A. "What does Chen mean by heaping the responsibility upon

09:53:43 18 me and furthermore having the guest to find Gu?"

09:53:50 19 Q. Who sent that message?

09:53:51 20 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:53:53 21 Q. To whom did he send it?

09:53:56 22 A. Chai Meng.

09:53:56 23 Q. All right. We will read the next exchange. I will read

09:53:59 24 the parts of Chai Meng. Please read the next message.

09:54:02 25 A. "Isn't it like putting a noose on his own neck?"

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09:54:06 1 Q. "I don't know. I told him the French device was seized.
09:54:09 2 He immediately stated that he had foresight. As to matter of
09:54:16 3 finding Gu, he never told me about it."

09:54:20 4 Let's pause there for a moment.

09:54:27 5 What country did the hard drive you analyzed come from?

09:54:30 6 A. It came from France.

09:54:36 7 Q. I'd like to take a pause from Government's Exhibit 110
09:54:39 8 and turn to Government's Exhibit 111, page 1.

09:54:49 9 Directing your attention to the top of the screen next to
09:54:53 10 "Name," will you please read the name?

09:54:56 11 A. Gu Gen.

09:55:00 12 Q. Scrolling down to the middle of the page where it says
09:55:04 13 "Position," will you please read the position?

09:55:06 14 A. "Senior IT infrastructure manager and information
09:55:11 15 security officer."

09:55:12 16 Q. Scrolling to the bottom of the screen underneath the red
09:55:17 17 seal, will you please read the company?

09:55:18 18 A. "Safran Beijing Enterprise Management Company, Ltd.,
09:55:24 19 Suzhou Branch.

09:55:26 20 Q. Thank you.

09:55:26 21 MR. McKENZIE: I'd like to return to Government's
09:55:28 22 Exhibit 110, which is in evidence. I believe we were on page
09:55:33 23 5.

09:55:34 24 THE COURT: Very well.

09:55:40 25 BY MR. McKENZIE:

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09:55:40 1 Q. Directing your attention to the message sent at 3:10 p.m.
09:55:47 2 We'll continue reading with you reading the part of Xu Yanjun
09:55:52 3 and I'll read Chai Meng.

09:55:54 4 A. "I wanted to call him a son of a bitch. He stated the
09:55:57 5 entire thing led to an exposing is because what the guest
09:56:01 6 has planted in the French device."

09:56:04 7 Q. In the term or in the context of a cyber intrusion case,
09:56:08 8 what does "planted" mean?

09:56:10 9 A. To install.

09:56:12 10 Q. All right. The next message was sent at 3:12 p.m.

09:56:16 11 "It's my guess to prove his brilliance."

09:56:20 12 A. "It feels bitterly disappointing to have leaders like
09:56:24 13 that."

09:56:25 14 "Can you suggest not letting the guest go to find Gu?
09:56:34 15 First, the guest is not exposed; two, Gu doesn't have the
09:56:37 16 power to decide. Thirdly, Gu would report the situation to
09:56:40 17 me at any time."

09:56:43 18 Q. We will continue on to the first message from February
09:56:49 19 26, 2014. Will you please read the first message?

09:56:54 20 A. "France is letting Little Gu to check out this record,
09:57:00 21 ns24.dnsdojo.com. Does it have anything to do with you
09:57:07 22 all?"

09:57:08 23 Q. Who sent that message?

09:57:09 24 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:57:10 25 Q. To whom did he send it?

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09:57:12 1 A. Chai Meng.

09:57:13 2 Q. In what country is Safran located?

09:57:16 3 A. They are located in France.

09:57:18 4 Q. Who did Gu Gen work for?

09:57:21 5 A. Safran Suzhou.

09:57:23 6 Q. To what domain did the plugX malware you found on the

09:57:27 7 hard drive beacon?

09:57:28 8 A. Ns24.dnsdojo.com.

09:57:38 9 Q. At 3:08 Chai Meng responded, "Let me ask."

09:57:43 10 Directing your attention to the next message sent on

09:57:48 11 February 27, 2014, will you please read that message?

09:57:53 12 A. "France is asking Little Gu to inspect this record,

09:58:02 13 ns24.dnsdojo.com. Is it related to you?"

09:58:05 14 Q. To what domain did the plugX malware beacon?

09:58:14 15 A. Ns24.dns.dojod.com.

09:58:26 16 Q. Directing your attention back to Government's Exhibit

09:58:30 17 111, page 1.

09:58:32 18 MR. MCKENZIE: And if I may publish to the jury,

09:58:35 19 Your Honor.

09:58:35 20 THE COURT: Yes. It's been admitted, right?

09:58:37 21 MR. MCKENZIE: Yes, Your Honor.

09:58:39 22 BY MR. MCKENZIE:

09:58:41 23 Q. Scrolling down to "Position." Will you read Gu Gen's

09:58:46 24 position?

09:58:46 25 A. The senior IT infrastructure manager and information

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09:58:50 1 security officer.

09:58:52 2 Q. Based on your years of experience in information
09:58:55 3 technology and security and work in cyber intrusion
09:58:59 4 investigations, what is the role of senior IT and security
09:59:04 5 officers in investigating cyber intrusions for a company?

09:59:11 6 A. Generally, your information security office would be
09:59:14 7 the office that conducts computer or -- well, intrusion,
09:59:33 8 computer intrusion investigations into the company.

09:59:26 9 Q. I'd like to direct your attention back to Government's
09:59:29 10 Exhibit 110, page 5, which is in evidence.

09:59:35 11 I'd like to move on now to the message sent on -- the
09:59:41 12 messages sent on March 11, 2014. Will you please read the
09:59:48 13 first message?

09:59:49 14 A. "When did Gu ask you? When did France ask you?"

09:59:55 15 Q. Who sent that message?

09:59:56 16 A. Xu Yanjun.

09:59:57 17 Q. To whom did he send it?

09:59:59 18 A. Tian Xi.

10:00:01 19 Q. I will read the messages sent by Tian Xi.

10:00:05 20 "Gu received an email from the French side, asked me
10:00:11 21 yesterday."

10:00:11 22 A. "Have you seen the email?"

10:00:12 23 Q. "No."

10:00:17 24 What country is Safran located in or headquartered in?

10:00:20 25 A. They are headquartered in France.

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10:00:22 1 Q. Could we please see the next page.

10:00:33 2 For March 17th, will you please read the messages sent by

10:00:37 3 Xu Yanjun, and I will read the messages sent by Tian Xi?

10:00:43 4 A. "Anything new? I sought out Little Gu last week and

10:00:49 5 current France has not finding suspicious documents in the

10:00:51 6 record."

10:00:58 7 Q. "Nothing."

10:00:59 8 A. "Should there be something new be prompt notifying me

10:01:01 9 and I will communicate with Little Gu."

10:01:03 10 Q. "Understand."

10:01:04 11 Directing your attention now to April 17, 2014, messages,

10:01:10 12 let's read the first three messages, you reading those sent by

10:01:15 13 the defendant, I'll read those sent by Tian Xi.

10:01:18 14 A. "Of the matter, any new situation?"

10:01:21 15 Q. "No."

10:01:23 16 A. "Good."

10:01:28 17 Q. Directing your attention to the next message that was

10:01:31 18 sent, will you please read the message?

10:01:33 19 A. "Any updates on that incident?"

10:01:37 20 Q. Who sent the message?

10:01:38 21 A. Xu Yanjun.

10:01:40 22 Q. To whom did he send it?

10:01:41 23 A. Gu Gen.

10:01:43 24 Q. Who does Gu Gen work for?

10:01:46 25 A. Safran Suzhou.

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10:01:47 1 Q. I will read Gu's response.

10:01:52 2 "Still checking. They found that someone had connected

10:01:54 3 to our server via a tool called psexec. The period is from

10:02:00 4 July last year to February this year."

10:02:02 5 Will you please read the next message?

10:02:04 6 A. "No conclusion?"

10:02:08 7 Q. Directing your attention to the next message, the second

10:02:11 8 message sent at 9:46 a.m., will you please read that message?

10:02:17 9 A. The latest status from Suzhou: They found an intrusion

10:02:22 10 to our server through a psexec tool. The time frame is from

10:02:28 11 July last year to February this year."

10:02:31 12 Q. Who sent that message?

10:02:33 13 A. Xu Yanjun.

10:02:35 14 Q. To whom did he send it?

10:02:37 15 A. Chai Meng.

10:02:38 16 Q. And what is the location of Safran's subsidiary in China?

10:02:41 17 A. Suzhou.

10:02:42 18 Q. Directing your attention to the next message sent at 9:55

10:02:53 19 a.m., did Gu Gen send a message to the defendant which said,

10:02:59 20 "So far, no. They will examine by remotely connecting to this

10:03:02 21 server"?

10:03:06 22 A. He did.

10:03:06 23 Q. How did the defendant respond?

10:03:08 24 A. "Do they think China is hacking them?"

10:03:12 25 Q. And will you please read Gu's response?

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10:03:15 1 A. "Don't think so."

10:03:18 2 Q. Directing your attention now to the messages sent on
10:03:22 3 August 18, 2014. Who sent the first message that we see on
10:03:28 4 that date?

10:03:29 5 A. Xu Yanjun.

10:03:31 6 Q. To whom did he send it?

10:03:32 7 A. Tian Xi.

10:03:34 8 Q. Please read the defendant's messages. I'll read Tian's
10:03:37 9 response.

10:03:38 10 A. "About that matter, any new situation?"

10:03:41 11 Q. "No new news. Should be an unsolved mystery."

10:03:50 12 A. "Ho, ho."

10:03:51 13 MR. McKENZIE: For a final time, I would like to
10:03:53 14 return to Government's Exhibit 111, page 1, which is in
10:04:01 15 evidence, Your Honor.

10:04:01 16 BY MR. McKENZIE:

10:04:04 17 Q. Will you please read the title of the document which is
10:04:09 18 displayed at the top of the screen?

10:04:11 19 A. "Employment Dismissal Record Form for Employers of
10:04:19 20 Suzhou Industrial Park."

10:04:20 21 Q. Please read the name that's listed at the top of the
10:04:23 22 screen.

10:04:23 23 A. Gu Gen.

10:04:26 24 Q. Scrolling down and directing your attention to the middle
10:04:28 25 of the screen, what was Gu's position?

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10:04:32 1 A. Senior IT infrastructure manager and information
10:04:37 2 security officer.

10:04:40 3 Q. When it says "Type of" -- directing your attention to the
10:04:44 4 box below it, next to "Type of Contract Dissolution
10:04:49 5 (Termination)," which box has been selected?

10:04:52 6 A. The box for "Employer Initiated Dissolution" is
10:04:58 7 highlighted.

10:04:59 8 Q. Scrolling down, who is listed as the employer?

10:05:05 9 A. Safran Beijing Enterprise Management Company, Ltd.,
10:05:12 10 Suzhou Branch.

10:05:12 11 Q. And directing your attention to that same box, what is
10:05:15 12 listed as the date?

10:05:16 13 A. November 28 of 2018.

10:05:18 14 Q. I'd like to direct your attention now to page 6 of the
10:05:21 15 same exhibit.

10:05:30 16 Directing your attention to the top left. Who is the
10:05:34 17 sender of this letter?

10:05:34 18 A. Safran Aircraft Engines, Suzhou Co., Ltd.

10:05:41 19 Q. Who is the recipient of the letter?

10:05:43 20 A. Tian Xi.

10:05:45 21 Q. In the -- in that same column, what is the date of the
10:05:50 22 letter?

10:05:53 23 A. It appears to be November 13th of 2018.

10:05:57 24 Q. As displayed on the screen currently to your bottom left,
10:06:02 25 what is the title of this letter?

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10:06:05 1 A. "Re: Termination Letter."

10:06:08 2 MR. McKENZIE: If we can scroll down to where we can
10:06:12 3 begin with "Dear Sir."

10:06:12 4 BY MR. McKENZIE:

10:06:14 5 Q. Will you please read the English section of this letter?

10:06:19 6 A. "Dear Sir,

10:06:21 7 "Following our meeting on October 31, 2018, the company
10:06:26 8 has decided to dismiss you from your position of
10:06:31 9 manufacturing engineer. This decision is justified by the
10:06:36 10 following reasons:

10:06:38 11 "You have materially breached the employer's rules and
10:06:41 12 regulation. Therefore, the company hereby terminates your
10:06:45 13 employment contract in accordance with its Article 7 and PRC
10:06:51 14 applicable laws, including Article 39 of the Labor Contract
10:06:55 15 Law of the PRC. Your employment contract entered with the
10:06:59 16 company on December 10, 2007, will terminate with immediate
10:07:07 17 effect. Therefore, you will leave the company on November
10:07:10 18 13, 2018.

10:07:11 19 "In consideration of the above, the company will not
10:07:14 20 pay you any compensation.

10:07:16 21 "Before leaving the company, please surrender any and
10:07:21 22 all relevant work, documents, equipment, and property,
10:07:26 23 together with all keys, relating to the company and/or any
10:07:30 24 of its clients to Patrick Calero.

10:07:39 25 "As from the date of the termination of your

10:07:40 1 employment, you will remain bound by the confidentiality
10:07:43 2 undertaking stipulated in your employment contract which
10:07:47 3 stipulates that you shall keep strictly secret and
10:07:54 4 confidential, and not disclose to any third party any and
10:07:58 5 all technical, economic, financial, or marketing information
10:08:03 6 acquired from the company and/or obtained because of your
10:08:07 7 activities in the company.

10:08:09 8 "The company reserves all rights to bring suits,
10:08:13 9 claims, or any other actions against you.

10:08:17 10 "Yours sincerely."

10:08:19 11 **Q.** And then what is -- who is listed as the company sending
10:08:23 12 the letter?

10:08:23 13 **A.** Safran Aircraft Engines, Suzhou Co., Ltd.

10:08:32 14 THE COURT: Counsel, I'd like to take a break at an
10:08:34 15 appropriate point.

10:08:35 16 MR. MCKENZIE: Perfect timing, Your Honor. The
10:08:37 17 government has no further questions.

10:08:40 18 THE COURT: Very well. We are going to recess for
10:08:44 19 20 minutes, until 10:30.

10:08:47 20 Members of the jury, as you know, please do not discuss
10:08:50 21 the case among yourselves or with anyone else. No independent
10:08:54 22 research. Continue to keep an open mind.

10:09:00 23 We'll rise as you leave.

10:09:02 24 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

10:09:03 25 (Jury out at 10:09 a.m.)

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10:09:43 1 THE COURT: Jury's left the room and the door is
10:09:45 2 closed. We're going to break until 10:30, at least as to the
10:09:48 3 jury. That's my intention.

10:09:51 4 We can chat in 15 minutes or the issues that are arising
10:09:59 5 may not require attention yet. When is the witness to be
10:10:03 6 called that Mr. --

10:10:08 7 THE INTERPRETER: Your Honor, the interpreter is
10:10:09 8 having a hard time hearing you. I'm sorry.

10:10:13 9 THE COURT: That's okay.

10:10:19 10 Do I need to address the defense's concerns about Arthur
10:10:24 11 Gau now from the government's perspective?

10:10:28 12 MR. MANGAN: He is the next witness. It's a matter
10:10:30 13 of whether you wanted to wait until the next break or not.
10:10:35 14 We're fine either way.

10:10:36 15 THE COURT: Why don't we be seated and hear the
10:10:38 16 issue. We're outside the presence of the jury. We're talking
10:10:43 17 about the next witness.

10:10:46 18 Mr. Miedel, forget my lapse. I know exactly who you are.

10:10:52 19 MR. MIEDEL: You can just keep calling me the New
10:10:56 20 York lawyer. That's okay.

10:10:57 21 THE COURT: If you can take the mask off and tell me
10:11:00 22 what I can call you.

10:11:02 23 MR. MIEDEL: The New York lawyer.

10:11:03 24 THE COURT: I didn't want to do that.

10:11:06 25 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, I wanted to raise this

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10:11:07 1 issue because, as I said, Arthur Gau is the next witness. And
10:11:10 2 according to the government's exhibit book, they, I think,
10:11:16 3 will attempt to introduce Exhibit 81a and 81b through Arthur
10:11:22 4 Gau.

10:11:26 5 Exhibit 81 is a Chinese letter, in Chinese, and 81b is
10:11:33 6 the English translation of it. And it essentially is a typed
10:11:37 7 letter that Arthur Gau will testify was given to him in 2003,
10:11:44 8 purportedly by an individual named Zha, Z-H-A, Rong, R-A-N-G
10:11:51 9 [sic], who I think the government will argue was somehow
10:11:53 10 associated with MSS, or at least later was.

10:11:58 11 And that letter contains a number of questions about what
10:12:04 12 seemed to be engineering questions or problems. We object to
10:12:12 13 the introduction of that exhibit for a couple of reasons. The
10:12:15 14 first is that it is hearsay. It is an out-of-court statement
10:12:21 15 obviously made, proposed for the truth of the matter because
10:12:25 16 the government wants to show that the document is asking
10:12:29 17 Arthur Gau specific engineering questions or presents
10:12:36 18 engineering issues that they want him to respond to.

10:12:41 19 There is no applicable hearsay exception because this
10:12:44 20 letter was created and given to Arthur Gau ten years before
10:12:49 21 the beginning of the conspiracy in this case. It was given in
10:12:53 22 2003. The conspiracy begins, according to the indictment, in
10:12:58 23 2013.

10:13:00 24 And if it's not being introduced for the truth, then it
10:13:04 25 has no relevance, because if it is not for purposes of the

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10:13:09 1 charged conspiracy, the letter itself does not ask for any
10:13:14 2 specific trade -- it doesn't ask for the -- Mr. Gau to reveal
10:13:21 3 trade secrets. As noted, it was written 10 years before the
10:13:25 4 conspiracy. At that point in 2003, Mr. Xu was not involved in
10:13:30 5 that. There is no evidence that he was even working with Zha
10:13:39 6 Rong at that time. There is no evidence that Zha Rong was
10:13:42 7 working for MSS at the time. Arthur Gau will testify,
10:13:46 8 presumably, that he believe that Zha Rong was working for
10:13:50 9 NUAA.

10:13:52 10 In terms of relevance, it is absolutely more prejudicial
10:13:59 11 than probative, again because -- the probative value is
10:14:04 12 minimal again because it occurred ten years before the charged
10:14:08 13 conspiracy.

10:14:09 14 The document is signed by Zha Rong -- it's typed, so it's
10:14:16 15 not signed but it's typed with his name, but we don't actually
10:14:20 16 have any way of knowing who wrote it. It was not given to
10:14:23 17 Arthur Gau by Zha Rong; it was given to him by somebody else.
10:14:28 18 The document doesn't actually ask him to reveal any trade
10:14:32 19 secrets.

10:14:32 20 And I think that what the problem is, the prejudice is
10:14:35 21 that the jury could mistakenly conclude that this was a
10:14:41 22 decades-long pattern in an effort to get Mr. Gau to cough up
10:14:50 23 trade secrets when, in fact, there is -- this document doesn't
10:14:52 24 advance that theory at all. And the jury could mistakenly
10:14:55 25 consider it to be meaningful when it's not. Thank you.

10:15:01 1 THE COURT: When did this issue -- when did you
10:15:05 2 become aware of it?

10:15:07 3 MR. MIEDEL: Well, I was aware of it for a while
10:15:10 4 but, again, Mr. Gau wasn't scheduled to be testifying until
10:15:15 5 today. So I notified the government of it this morning. I
10:15:18 6 think they are prepared to argue it.

10:15:19 7 THE COURT: The Court prefers to get a heads-up.

10:15:25 8 MR. MIEDEL: I understand.

10:15:26 9 THE COURT: The government wish to be heard?

10:15:28 10 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor. What I would say in
10:15:34 11 response is, first of all, this does pertain to an individual
10:15:39 12 named Zha Rong, and there's already been evidence submitted in
10:15:42 13 the case relating to Mr. Zha Rong and his relationship to the
10:15:46 14 defendant. As we've asserted, he is the direct supervisor of
10:15:51 15 the defendant within the MSS.

10:15:59 16 What we are going to go through with Arthur Gau is a
10:16:02 17 number of trips that he took over to China and that he met
10:16:04 18 with Zha Rong on a number of those trips and then eventually
10:16:08 19 was introduced to the defendant.

10:16:10 20 And so our assertion, Your Honor, is that the
10:16:13 21 relationship started with Zha Rong. It was more or less
10:16:16 22 passed over to the defendant, to kind of continue with the
10:16:21 23 relationship in later visits, and that will be the heart of
10:16:24 24 the testimony, will be these later visits. However, to
10:16:27 25 explain sort of where it all started, his first visits were,

10:16:32 1 you know, back in that time period, when he went back to China
10:16:37 2 in, you know, the year 2000 and so on.

10:16:39 3 When he got back to the U.S. after one of these visits
10:16:42 4 where he met with an NUAA professor and he met with Zha Rong,
10:16:49 5 at that time the son of the professor showed up at Mr. Gau's
10:16:52 6 house in the U.S. and handed him this letter. So in the
10:16:57 7 letter it is written and signed by Zha Rong asking him to see
10:17:04 8 if he's willing to do a project that would prepare a lot of
10:17:06 9 technical information.

10:17:08 10 So from our standpoint, Your Honor, there is two things.
10:17:11 11 One, to the extent it is simply a question or it is asking him
10:17:16 12 to do work and setting forth what they are asking for, that is
10:17:19 13 not hearsay. It's simply a question or it's a request or a
10:17:24 14 demand. Those are not assertions of fact.

10:17:29 15 In addition, Your Honor, to the extent any of the letter
10:17:31 16 would be interpreted as an assertion of fact, we would assert
10:17:35 17 that statements by Mr. Zha Rong are statements of a
10:17:43 18 co-conspirator and therefore also would be admissible.

10:17:46 19 As to the time frame, Your Honor, this is really -- we
10:17:48 20 understand we are limited by the years in the indictment
10:17:51 21 regarding the defendant's conduct. And that is from 2013, you
10:17:56 22 know, to the time of his arrest. This is kind of introductory
10:18:01 23 evidence to help the witness explain where the relationship
10:18:06 24 started and, you know, then ultimately explain where it went
10:18:11 25 in the years of 2016 through 2017.

10:18:16 1 THE COURT: So how is the letter necessary? Why
10:18:18 2 can't Gau just explain the origins of their relationship?

10:18:22 3 MR. MANGAN: He can, Your Honor. What we wanted to
10:18:26 4 also bring out was that at one point Zha Rong did make an ask
10:18:32 5 for him to do technical work that he had declined. And then
10:18:38 6 there is a break in time, and then the relationship is
10:18:40 7 restarted. So we did see some significance in that.

10:18:48 8 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, may I respond?

10:18:49 9 THE COURT: Yes, you get the reply.

10:18:52 10 MR. MIEDEL: A couple things. First of all, while
10:18:54 11 the government has some evidence that Zha Rong worked with
10:18:57 12 Mr. Xu or was his supervisor in, I don't know, 2015, 2016,
10:19:02 13 that's 13 years after this letter. There is zero evidence
10:19:05 14 that Zha Rong worked with Mr. Xu in 2003.

10:19:09 15 Secondly, to the extent that the government is simply
10:19:13 16 suggesting that this letter asked for, quote, technical work,
10:19:18 17 that's irrelevant. The issue at this trial is whether Mr. Xu
10:19:23 18 conspired or attempted to gain trade secrets, not technical
10:19:27 19 work. But it is -- and so there is a ten-year gap between any
10:19:35 20 correspondence between Mr. Gau in 2003 and Mr. Zha Rong in
10:19:40 21 2003 and the next time that they talk. So the suggestion that
10:19:43 22 there is some sort of pattern or a beginning of a relationship
10:19:47 23 is simply belied by -- will be belied by the testimony of
10:19:51 24 Mr. Gau. There was no contact between them for a decade. And
10:19:55 25 so it is simply way outside the scope of the conspiracy. It

10:20:00 1 cannot -- you cannot be a co-conspirator outside the scope of
10:20:05 2 the conspiracy. And so it's just, I think, improper to admit
10:20:11 3 this document.

10:20:11 4 And I think -- I agree with Your Honor that Mr. Gau can
10:20:15 5 certainly talk about his visits to China in 1997 and 2000 and
10:20:19 6 2002 and who he met there if he wants, but the introduction of
10:20:24 7 this document is prejudicial.

10:20:32 8 THE COURT: The Court sustains the defendant's
10:20:35 9 objection. What Zha Rong may have been doing in 2003 is not
10:20:41 10 relevant, the background as to how Mr. Gau came to be involved
10:20:47 11 with the defendant, and he can explain that, he can explain, I
10:20:53 12 suppose, that he knew Zha Rong in 2003 and later met the
10:20:58 13 defendant.

10:20:58 14 If the defendant on cross questions Gau's explanation of
10:21:02 15 how he initially came to meet Zha Rong and, later, defendant,
10:21:08 16 then, by all means, the letter would start to become relevant.
10:21:13 17 But as an initial matter, Gau can explain it as an initial
10:21:17 18 matter without the letter, and the objection is sustained.

10:21:21 19 We're going to go into our recess unless there is
10:21:24 20 something else I need to address outside the presence of the
10:21:27 21 jury at this moment. Is there from the government?

10:21:30 22 MR. MANGAN: No, Your Honor.

10:21:31 23 THE COURT: The defense?

10:21:33 24 MR. MIEDEL: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

10:21:34 25 THE COURT: We're in recess.

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10:21:37 1 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. This court's now
10:21:38 2 in recess.

10:21:39 3 (Recess from 10:21 until 10:41 a.m.)

10:41:53 4 THE COURT: Back in the courtroom late. The jury's
10:41:57 5 not yet here.

10:42:01 6 We've had some drama. When my daughters used to live at
10:42:07 7 home with my wife and me, we had drama every day. I am well
10:42:11 8 trained in drama. It arises out of primarily the fact that
10:42:17 9 the second interpreter who had joined us today has indicated
10:42:21 10 that she typically translates hospital proceedings and does
10:42:27 11 not feel that she is adequately trained to assist us in a
10:42:33 12 courtroom that's intimidating with a bunch of lawyers. And I
10:42:39 13 appreciate her speaking the truth, and I have released her.

10:42:43 14 That means we're going to have to go in chunks as we've
10:42:47 15 been doing previously. We're going to work as hard as we can
10:42:51 16 to get a second one because the current interpreter is
10:42:59 17 whipped. But she has agreed with me that she will take a deep
10:43:05 18 breath out of recognition that we're going to take short
10:43:08 19 breaks.

10:43:10 20 So we can call for the jury now.

10:44:32 21 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury now.

10:44:34 22 (Jury in at 10:44 a.m.)

10:45:06 23 THE COURT: You may all be seated. The 15 jurors
10:45:09 24 have rejoined us.

10:45:11 25 And I kept you waiting again. And I apologize for that.

10:45:18 1 I hate that. My mother would be all over me if I were keeping
10:45:24 2 a bunch of important people waiting. But there are times when
10:45:28 3 you leave that I have to address stuff that I need to deal
10:45:31 4 with outside your presence. The long break here had nothing
10:45:36 5 to do with any of the lawyers or the parties. I had to deal
10:45:39 6 with something. It's on me. I hope you will forgive me.

10:45:45 7 So we will continue with testimony. Redirect, is that
10:45:52 8 right?

10:45:52 9 MR. McKENZIE: Cross-examination at this time, Your
10:45:54 10 Honor.

10:45:54 11 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

10:45:56 12 MS. CORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

10:45:57 13 THE COURT: You may approach.

10:46:00 14 The witness remains under oath. The attorney for the
10:46:03 15 defense has an opportunity to ask questions.

10:46:07 16 MS. CORS: Thank you, Your Honor. And if I go too
10:46:12 17 fast, I assume someone will let me know to slow down so that
10:46:17 18 the interpreter can keep up.

10:46:17 19 THE COURT: You better believe it.

10:46:18 20 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

10:46:18 21 BY MS. CORS:

10:46:20 22 Q. Good morning, Special Agent. How are you today?

10:46:22 23 A. I'm good. How are you?

10:46:24 24 Q. Good.

10:46:32 25 Over the past couple days you have been asked to read

10:46:35 1 from a number of text messages involving Mr. Xu, correct?

10:46:39 2 A. I have.

10:46:40 3 Q. And were these documents that you obtained through any
10:46:45 4 forensic analysis you conducted?

10:46:47 5 A. The text messages were not.

10:46:49 6 Q. Okay. Where did you get those text messages from?

10:46:52 7 A. I received them from the search warrant data from the
10:46:57 8 Cincinnati -- Cincinnati case.

10:47:01 9 Q. And you testified regarding your background in cyber
10:47:07 10 counterintelligence, correct? And computer security, and
10:47:14 11 explained to the jury much of the education you have had
10:47:19 12 relating to computers.

10:47:20 13 Do you have any training as an engineer?

10:47:22 14 A. I do not have any training as an engineer.

10:47:24 15 Q. And any training in the aviation field?

10:47:27 16 A. I do not.

10:47:28 17 Q. Okay. Thank you.

10:47:34 18 Now, you have testified about events in Suzhou relating
10:47:44 19 to what I believe you described as the insertion of a USB
10:47:49 20 drive into a computer in January of 2014, correct? January
10:47:55 21 25, 2014?

10:47:57 22 A. Yes.

10:47:58 23 Q. Okay. What I'd like to do is walk through the timeline
10:48:03 24 of events that you've testified to. So as I understand it, on
10:48:11 25 January 25, 2014, a USB was inserted into the computer of

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10:48:20 1 Mr. Hascoet, correct?

10:48:22 2 A. That is correct.

10:48:22 3 Q. And that occurred in, you believe and have testified, his
10:48:27 4 office in Suzhou; is that correct?

10:48:29 5 A. I don't know where it was inserted physically.

10:48:32 6 Q. Okay. So you don't know where it was inserted. But at
10:48:38 7 some point on that date, based on your forensic analysis, this
10:48:43 8 USB drive was inserted into his computer. Is that fair?

10:48:46 9 A. That is correct.

10:48:47 10 Q. And you testified that on that same day, from that USB
10:48:55 11 drive, a certain virus malware was placed on the computer of

10:49:02 12 Mr. Hascoet, correct?

10:49:02 13 A. That is correct.

10:49:03 14 Q. And then I believe you testified that shortly thereafter
10:49:08 15 you read some text messages, I believe it was maybe the day
10:49:11 16 after, where there were communications about someone looking
10:49:16 17 at that computer, correct?

10:49:17 18 A. That is correct.

10:49:18 19 Q. And can you explain to the jury again what that meant to
10:49:23 20 you?

10:49:23 21 A. What that means to me is somebody verified that the
10:49:27 22 computer had beacons in, and they would have had the
10:49:30 23 ability to look at files on the computer if they wanted to.

10:49:34 24 Q. So in or around the 25th, 26th, based on your review of
10:49:41 25 that computer and what happened with that malware and the

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10:49:45 1 beaconing, it's your understanding that at that point in time
10:49:49 2 someone who had access to this server, wherever it was, would
10:49:52 3 have had the ability to access the computer of Mr. Hascoet,
10:49:58 4 correct?

10:49:58 5 A. That is correct.

10:49:59 6 Q. And that would include looking at items on the computer;
10:50:03 7 is that correct?

10:50:03 8 A. That is correct.

10:50:05 9 Q. Okay. And I believe you mentioned that would also
10:50:08 10 provide access to upload or download documents; is that
10:50:12 11 correct?

10:50:12 12 A. Upload or download files.

10:50:17 13 Q. Files, okay.

10:50:18 14 A. Yes.

10:50:19 15 Q. And I believe, based on your testimony, that that laptop
10:50:22 16 became connected to that server, I think, around the 27th of
10:50:25 17 January of '14. Does that sound correct to you?

10:50:29 18 A. There was evidence on the hard drive that it -- the
10:50:33 19 Sakula malware connected outbound as of that date.

10:50:37 20 Q. And that was to that domain you were talking about
10:50:39 21 earlier; is that correct?

10:50:42 22 A. Yes, that's correct.

10:50:43 23 Q. And what was that domain again?

10:50:44 24 A. There was two domains. One was oa.ameteksen.com, and
10:50:54 25 the other one was secure.safran-group.com.

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10:51:01 1 Q. And then on or around January 30th, was that when, based
10:51:05 2 on your forensic analysis, some additional malware virus, the
10:51:11 3 key logger, was installed on that computer?

10:51:13 4 A. I believe that is correct.

10:51:14 5 Q. Okay. And at the time -- strike that. Then near the end
10:51:26 6 of January, around January 31, 2014, I believe in your report
10:51:33 7 there is an indication that the computer starts communicating
10:51:35 8 with secure.safran-group.com; is that correct?

10:51:41 9 A. The computer would have continued to communicate to
10:51:45 10 that domain, yes.

10:51:46 11 Q. Okay. So it continues to communicate, continues to
10:51:48 12 provide access. Whoever has access to that domain has access
10:51:52 13 to Mr. Hascoet's computer, correct?

10:51:53 14 A. That would be correct.

10:51:54 15 Q. Okay. And then when did that computer, from your
10:52:00 16 recollection, stop communicating with that domain?

10:52:09 17 A. Based on the evidence available on the hard drive, I
10:52:12 18 believe it was on or about February 20 -- February 14th, if
10:52:17 19 I remember correctly.

10:52:18 20 Q. Okay. So the computer stops communicating around
10:52:21 21 February 14th with this domain. And then at the same time,
10:52:26 22 does the key logger stop recording or was that a little later?

10:52:31 23 A. I would have to go back and look at the key logger data
10:52:37 24 to see when the key logger stopped.

10:52:39 25 Q. About around the same time, is it your recollection?

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10:52:42 1 A. It would probably be around the same time.

10:52:45 2 Q. Okay. I think I've seen February 17, 2014?

10:52:48 3 A. Okay.

10:52:48 4 Q. Does that sound --

10:52:49 5 A. Yeah, that sounds correct.

10:52:50 6 Q. Okay. So from January 25th, we know that, based on your

10:52:56 7 forensic analysis, malware is put on this computer, we know

10:53:00 8 that the computer starts communicating with a domain, and we

10:53:04 9 know that that communication stops on or around February 14th,

10:53:10 10 correct?

10:53:10 11 A. That's --

10:53:13 12 Q. So three to four weeks, correct?

10:53:15 13 A. Yep.

10:53:16 14 Q. And based on your analysis, at any point during that time

10:53:19 15 was an effort made to target any documents on that computer?

10:53:22 16 A. Based on the evidence on the hard drive? It's hard to

10:53:32 17 determine that.

10:53:34 18 Q. Okay. And based on your forensic analysis, was there any

10:53:39 19 effort to obtain or download a trade secret from that

10:53:43 20 computer?

10:53:44 21 A. That could not be determined from my analysis. I did

10:53:48 22 not find evidence of that.

10:53:49 23 Q. Okay. But you did find analysis, did you not, that after

10:53:55 24 these -- this virus/malware was installed on the computer, was

10:54:03 25 anything accessed after January 30th?

10:54:09 1 A. I could not determine that from my analysis. I could
10:54:13 2 not determine that anything was accessed.

10:54:15 3 Q. Okay. So you don't know anything either way?

10:54:18 4 A. No, don't know either way.

10:54:20 5 Q. Now, this computer was also forensically analyzed by the
10:54:29 6 French Intelligence Service as well; is that correct?

10:54:32 7 A. That is correct.

10:54:32 8 Q. And a report dated September 17, 2014, does that sound
10:54:38 9 familiar? That was prepared by the French?

10:54:43 10 A. That's probably correct.

10:54:43 11 Q. And do you recall as one of the findings of that report
10:54:47 12 that any data recovery, if any took place, did not appear to
10:54:52 13 be targeted in any matter?

10:54:55 14 MR. McKENZIE: Objection, Your Honor.

10:54:56 15 THE COURT: Your objection?

10:54:58 16 MR. McKENZIE: Objection, Your Honor.

10:54:59 17 THE COURT: Basis?

10:55:01 18 MR. McKENZIE: Hearsay.

10:55:03 19 MS. CORS: Your Honor, I am asking for a finding. I
10:55:05 20 am not asking for him to repeat what was in the report.

10:55:11 21 THE COURT: Objection's overruled.

10:55:16 22 You can answer the question, if you remember it.

10:55:20 23 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the question, please?

10:55:22 24 BY MS. CORS:

10:55:22 25 Q. Sure. So as -- was it your understanding that one of the

10:55:26 1 findings of this report was that any data recovery did not
10:55:29 2 appear to be targeted in any manner?

10:55:36 3 A. I don't recall that statement, and I'm a little bit
10:55:42 4 confused on the term "data recovery" being used there. Is
10:55:46 5 that downloading of files, I guess is what my question is?

10:55:53 6 Q. Did you have any understanding as to whether the French
10:55:58 7 forensic analysis concluded that any files were exported?

10:56:03 8 A. I don't believe they could conclude that any files were
10:56:07 9 exported.

10:56:10 10 Q. So it appears, from your perspective, their conclusions
10:56:13 11 were consistent with the conclusions of your own forensic
10:56:16 12 analysis?

10:56:17 13 A. That is correct.

10:56:19 14 Q. Now, your report analyzed a file, a self-extracting RAR
10:56:29 15 file, I believe, that contained images on Mr. Hascoet's
10:56:32 16 computer; is that correct?

10:56:33 17 A. That is correct.

10:56:35 18 Q. And can you explain to the jury what -- what those images
10:56:38 19 were?

10:56:39 20 A. The images were pictures of the various locations that
10:56:45 21 we determined to be in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province.

10:56:52 22 Q. They appeared to be vacation photos?

10:56:55 23 A. They would be consistent with vacation photos.

10:56:57 24 Q. And in the course of your investigation, you reviewed, as
10:57:06 25 I understand, communications involving Tian Xi, correct?

10:57:11 1 A. Tian Xi, yes.

10:57:13 2 Q. And many of those communications you read here for the
10:57:16 3 jury, correct?

10:57:16 4 A. That is correct.

10:57:18 5 THE COURT: Ms. Cors, could you keep your voice up,
10:57:21 6 please?

10:57:22 7 MS. CORS: Yes. Sorry, Your Honor.

10:57:23 8 BY MS. CORS:

10:57:24 9 Q. And in those communications do you recall seeing any
10:57:26 10 reference to trade secrets?

10:57:28 11 A. I do not.

10:57:29 12 Q. Do you recall seeing any discussion about obtaining
10:57:32 13 documents from Safran?

10:57:34 14 A. I do not.

10:57:35 15 Q. Do you recall any reference to composite materials?

10:57:41 16 A. I do not.

10:57:42 17 Q. Do you recall any reference to aviation technology?

10:57:48 18 A. I do not.

10:57:49 19 Q. And do you recall any reference to fan blade technology?

10:57:58 20 A. I do not.

10:57:59 21 Q. Okay. And then you were asked to read, and I understand
10:58:01 22 you reviewed, communications involving Mr. Gu Gen, correct?

10:58:08 23 A. Correct.

10:58:09 24 Q. And who is Mr. Gu Gen again?

10:58:13 25 A. Gu Gen is the IT infrastructure and information

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10:58:18 1 security officer for Safran Suzhou.

10:58:20 2 Q. Okay. And with respect to these communications, do these
10:58:23 3 communications reference any effort to obtain documents?

10:58:27 4 A. They do not.

10:58:29 5 Q. Do they reference any attempt to steal trade secrets?

10:58:34 6 A. They do not.

10:58:38 7 Q. Do they reference any -- do they reference composite
10:58:41 8 materials?

10:58:41 9 A. No.

10:58:41 10 Q. Do they reference fan blades, including fan blades
10:58:45 11 designed by GE?

10:58:48 12 A. They do not.

10:58:49 13 Q. Okay. And there were additional communications you were
10:58:51 14 asked to review and read into the record regarding alleged
10:58:55 15 colleagues of Mr. Xu, correct?

10:58:59 16 A. That is correct.

10:59:00 17 Q. Chai Meng?

10:59:02 18 A. Chai Meng.

10:59:03 19 Q. And I am going to ask you the same series of questions.
10:59:06 20 In those communications, was there any reference about
10:59:08 21 obtaining documents from Safran Suzhou or any entity of
10:59:14 22 Safran?

10:59:15 23 A. There were not.

10:59:16 24 Q. Were there any reference to trying to obtain trade
10:59:20 25 secrets?

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10:59:20 1 A. There weren't.

10:59:21 2 Q. Any reference to composite materials?

10:59:25 3 A. There was not.

10:59:28 4 Q. Any reference to aviation fan blades?

10:59:34 5 A. No.

10:59:35 6 Q. Or GE Aviation?

10:59:37 7 A. There was not.

10:59:38 8 Q. Now, Mr. Gu Gen was head of security, correct?

10:59:44 9 A. He is head of information security.

10:59:46 10 Q. And in your experience, would someone who's head of

10:59:50 11 information security have pretty broad access to the databases

10:59:55 12 and computers of the company?

10:59:57 13 A. Generally, they would.

10:59:59 14 Q. Yet, I believe you just testified there was never a

11:00:01 15 request of Mr. Gu Gen, to your knowledge, to -- to use that

11:00:05 16 access to obtain any information from the company, correct?

11:00:08 17 A. Correct.

11:00:09 18 Q. Now, on your direct testimony you talked a little bit

11:00:19 19 about the MSS and its local office in Nanjing, the JSSD,

11:00:26 20 correct?

11:00:27 21 MR. McKENZIE: Objection, Your Honor.

11:00:28 22 THE COURT: Basis?

11:00:30 23 MR. McKENZIE: Assumes facts not in evidence.

11:00:32 24 THE COURT: Sustained as to form.

11:00:40 25 BY MS. CORS:

11:00:41 1 Q. Mr. James, you were shown documents that the government
11:00:43 2 alleged related to Mr. Xu, correct?

11:00:47 3 A. Mr. Xu Yanjun.

11:00:52 4 Q. And his alleged role with MSS in its office in Nanjing,
11:00:58 5 the JSSD, correct?

11:00:59 6 A. I was shown that.

11:01:01 7 Q. The MSS and the JSSD have multiple functions, do they
11:01:15 8 not?

11:01:16 9 A. They do.

11:01:17 10 Q. Okay. I believe you've testified in the past that in
11:01:20 11 your view they are sort of a combination of the FBI and CIA,
11:01:25 12 correct?

11:01:26 13 MR. MCKENZIE: Objection, Your Honor. Outside the
11:01:28 14 scope of direct.

11:01:32 15 MS. CORS: May I address this, Your Honor? On
11:01:34 16 direct, the issue of Mr. Xu and his employment with the MSS
11:01:39 17 was brought up. On direct the issue of an incursion into a
11:01:44 18 computer was brought up. I'm simply trying to explore what
11:01:48 19 could be the basis for an incursion.

11:01:53 20 THE COURT: The Court overrules the objection. I am
11:01:56 21 going to give you some latitude.

11:01:58 22 MR. MCKENZIE: Your Honor, I am going to make a
11:02:01 23 second renewed objection under different grounds of improper
11:02:04 24 impeachment by referencing prior testimony without asking a
11:02:07 25 direct question first.

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11:02:10 1 THE COURT: Overruled.

11:02:11 2 Please proceed.

11:02:14 3 MS. CORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

11:02:15 4 BY MS. CORS:

11:02:15 5 Q. Now, with respect to the MSS and the -- let me start with
11:02:19 6 this.

11:02:20 7 You had -- in connection with your investigation in the
11:02:25 8 Southern District of California, did you provide testimony to
11:02:28 9 the grand jury?

11:02:29 10 A. I did.

11:02:30 11 Q. Okay. And as part of that testimony, did you opine on
11:02:35 12 the roles and functions of the MSS and its office, JSSD and
11:02:40 13 Nanjing?

11:02:41 14 A. Yes.

11:02:41 15 Q. And do you recall identifying some of those functions as
11:02:46 16 somewhat of a combination between the FBI and CIA?

11:02:49 17 A. That would be correct.

11:02:51 18 Q. And you identified one of the primary responsibilities of
11:02:57 19 MSS and JSSD as collecting of intelligence, correct?

11:03:03 20 A. That is correct.

11:03:06 21 Q. Intelligence, by definition information?

11:03:12 22 A. That could be another term for intelligence.

11:03:14 23 Q. It could also include open-source information; is that
11:03:17 24 correct?

11:03:17 25 A. It could.

11:03:18 1 Q. Some of the other functions, I believe you identified
11:03:22 2 nonmilitary foreign intelligence; is that correct?

11:03:24 3 A. That is correct.

11:03:25 4 Q. And then you also identified as a function of both the
11:03:29 5 MSS and the JSSD office performing political and domestic
11:03:35 6 security. Do you recall that?

11:03:37 7 A. I do.

11:03:37 8 Q. And could you explain to the jury what your understanding
11:03:41 9 of political and domestic security is?

11:03:44 10 A. That would be looking for internal spies inside of
11:03:51 11 China.

11:03:51 12 Q. Could it also include monitoring and surveilling
11:03:54 13 foreigners or individuals who are in China?

11:03:56 14 A. It could.

11:03:57 15 Q. Could it also include monitoring and surveilling
11:04:00 16 companies that are operating within China's borders?

11:04:03 17 A. It could.

11:04:06 18 Q. And, in fact, would you agree that China views cyberspace
11:04:11 19 within its national borders as a proper area of control?

11:04:17 20 MR. McKENZIE: Objection as to first being outside
11:04:20 21 the scope and, second, relevance.

11:04:22 22 THE COURT: Second, what?

11:04:24 23 MR. McKENZIE: Relevance as to his opinion.

11:04:29 24 THE COURT: Overruled.

11:04:31 25 I'm going to need to break momentarily, but finish up.

11:04:36 1 MS. CORS: Okay. I can finish this up.

11:04:37 2 BY MS. CORS:

11:04:38 3 Q. And as part of any functions with respect to political
11:04:41 4 and domestic security, there are a number of methods the
11:04:46 5 Chinese government can use to do that; isn't that correct?

11:04:49 6 A. That is correct.

11:04:50 7 Q. Okay. Do some of those include searching hotel rooms?

11:04:54 8 A. I'm not familiar with exactly what the MSS does or
11:04:58 9 doesn't do inside of China.

11:05:01 10 Q. In terms of monitoring, surveilling, in your experiences
11:05:05 11 as a cyber expert, could bugging or intruding into someone's
11:05:10 12 computer to monitor that computer be a technique that --

11:05:14 13 A. That could be.

11:05:15 14 Q. -- is used?

11:05:16 15 Is that a technique that governments sometimes use to
11:05:18 16 conduct such surveillance?

11:05:20 17 A. It could be.

11:05:23 18 THE COURT: I'm going to interject here and ask if
11:05:25 19 we can break.

11:05:27 20 MS. CORS: Certainly, Your Honor.

11:05:29 21 THE COURT: And I think we're straying a bit, but I
11:05:32 22 gave you some latitude.

11:05:33 23 Members of the jury, we are going to break for 20
11:05:36 24 minutes. During the break, take a break. As you know, don't
11:05:39 25 discuss the case among yourselves or with anyone else. No

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11:05:42 1 independent research. Continue to keep an open mind.

11:05:47 2 Out of respect for you, we'll rise as you leave for 20

11:05:50 3 minutes.

11:05:51 4 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

11:05:52 5 (Jury out at 11:05 a.m.)

11:06:31 6 THE COURT: The jury's left the room. The door is

11:06:34 7 closed. Is there anything that requires my attention before

11:06:37 8 we break for 20 minutes? First, from the government?

11:06:41 9 MR. McKENZIE: No, Your Honor.

11:06:42 10 THE COURT: From the defense?

11:06:43 11 MS. CORS: No, Your Honor.

11:06:44 12 THE COURT: Very well.

11:06:46 13 Let the record reflect that Judge Cole is here observing

11:06:49 14 my work during recess.

11:06:52 15 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: The court is now in recess.

11:06:54 16 (Recess from 11:06 a.m. until 11:31 a.m.)

11:31:17 17 THE COURT: May we call for the jury from the

11:31:20 18 government's perspective?

11:31:23 19 MR. McKENZIE: Yes, Your Honor.

11:31:24 20 THE COURT: And from the defense as well?

11:31:26 21 MS. CORS: Yes, Your Honor.

11:31:27 22 THE COURT: Let's call for the jury. Let me get my

11:31:28 23 mask. You can call for the jury.

11:32:38 24 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

11:32:39 25 (Jury in at 11:32 a.m.)

11:33:10 1 THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you.

11:33:17 2 The 15 jurors have rejoined us after a break. Thank you
11:33:21 3 for your patience.

11:33:22 4 We'll continue with the testimony of this witness.

11:33:26 5 MS. CORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

11:33:30 6 Your Honor, I have no further questions for this witness.
11:33:33 7 Thank you.

11:33:33 8 THE COURT: Very well.

11:33:34 9 Redirect, if any?

11:33:41 10 MR. McKENZIE: Very briefly, Your Honor.

11:33:44 11 THE COURT: Very well.

11:33:46 12 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

11:33:46 13 BY MR. McKENZIE:

11:33:52 14 **Q.** Special Agent James, when you analyzed the Sakula
11:33:56 15 malware, were you able to determine whether or not it beacons
11:34:01 16 out to a domain?

11:34:04 17 **A.** Yes, I was.

11:34:05 18 **Q.** Were you able to determine whether any particular files
11:34:10 19 were transferred from the computer to anywhere else?

11:34:16 20 **A.** I could not determine that.

11:34:18 21 **Q.** Why not?

11:34:19 22 **A.** Depending on how the files are transferred, our records
11:34:28 23 are not maintained on the hard drive so it's really hard to
11:34:31 24 determine that after the fact. Generally, you would need to
11:34:34 25 actually watch the transfer occur.

11:34:37 1 Q. And so just to be clear, is it the case that you
11:34:41 2 determined that no files were transferred, or is it the case
11:34:45 3 that you could not determine what files, if any, were
11:34:49 4 transferred?

11:34:50 5 A. There was no evidence to support whether or not files
11:34:53 6 were transferred either way.

11:35:00 7 Q. During your years of experience in cyber intrusion cases
11:35:18 8 involving remote access trojans, is part of the purpose that
11:35:24 9 they're installed to take files?

11:35:27 10 MS. CORS: Objection, Your Honor.

11:35:28 11 THE COURT: Basis?

11:35:30 12 MS. CORS: Leading and beyond the scope.

11:35:33 13 THE COURT: Overruled.

11:35:34 14 Don't lead the witness. Go ahead, ask.

11:35:40 15 BY MR. MCKENZIE:

11:35:41 16 Q. As part of your experience, what are some of the reasons,
11:35:48 17 some of the main reasons that you've experienced for why
11:35:52 18 people installed remote access trojans on computers?

11:35:57 19 A. Some of the primary reasons are, one, to gain access to
11:36:00 20 the computer so that you can use it to do what your motive
11:36:04 21 is. Once you have access, you can run commands and
11:36:10 22 compromise other computers on the network.

11:36:12 23 In this case, they used computers that were compromised
11:36:16 24 to compromise other companies.

11:36:19 25 MS. CORS: Objection, Your Honor.

11:36:20 1 THE COURT: Beyond the scope?

11:36:22 2 MS. CORS: Yes, beyond the scope.

11:36:24 3 THE COURT: Sustained.

11:36:26 4 MR. McKENZIE: No further questions, Your Honor.

11:36:27 5 THE COURT: Very well. Redirect or recross on
11:36:32 6 redirect?

11:36:33 7 MS. CORS: Thank you, Your Honor.

11:36:35 8 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

11:36:35 9 BY MS. CORS:

11:36:38 10 Q. Special Agent James, you just testified that this type of
11:36:42 11 virus malware can be used to gain access to achieve motives,
11:36:46 12 correct?

11:36:46 13 A. That is correct.

11:36:46 14 Q. And in this instance, you are not in any position to know
11:36:49 15 what those motives were, correct?

11:36:54 16 A. Can we be more specific on the question?

11:36:57 17 Q. Well, there can be many different reasons why a person or
11:37:02 18 entity may seek to install this type of file on a computer,
11:37:07 19 correct?

11:37:08 20 A. That is correct.

11:37:08 21 Q. And one of those reasons could be to gain access to the
11:37:12 22 computer and to see what is in the computer to surveil, to
11:37:16 23 monitor, correct?

11:37:17 24 A. That is correct.

11:37:23 25 MS. CORS: No further questions. Thank you.

11:37:24 1 MR. MCKENZIE: Nothing further, Your Honor. Thank
11:37:26 2 you.
11:37:26 3 THE COURT: Are you going back to San Diego?
11:37:28 4 THE WITNESS: I hope so.
11:37:30 5 THE COURT: Travel safe. You may step down, sir.
11:37:33 6 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
11:37:45 7 THE COURT: Sort of awkward timing. Where are we from
11:37:47 8 the government's perspective? Do we need to break at this
11:37:50 9 point?
11:37:51 10 MR. MANGAN: We are ready to call the next witness.
11:37:53 11 It's up to you, Your Honor.
11:37:54 12 THE COURT: And you don't need the issue I need to
11:37:56 13 chat with you about addressed at this time?
11:37:58 14 MR. MANGAN: No, Your Honor.
11:38:00 15 THE COURT: All right. Let's call your next
11:38:01 16 witness, please.
11:38:01 17 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, the government calls Arthur
11:38:03 18 Gau.
11:38:04 19 THE COURT: Very well. We'll break shortly after
11:38:13 20 noon.
11:38:41 21 It may be noon, Mr. Mangan, that we break.
11:38:48 22 Sir, we are going to put you on the witness stand over
11:38:51 23 here.
11:38:54 24 If you'd be willing to pause and stop where you are, sir.
11:38:57 25 Raise your right hand for the oath to tell the truth.

11:38:57 1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11:38:58 2 THE COURT: Do you solemnly swear or affirm that
11:39:01 3 your testimony today will be the truth, subject to the penalty
11:39:04 4 of perjury?

11:39:05 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11:39:06 6 **ARTHUR GAU, PLAINTIFF WITNESS, SWORN**

11:39:06 7 THE COURT: Very well. You may be seated.

11:39:09 8 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11:39:10 9 THE COURT: Sit in the chair and get acclimated.
11:39:13 10 Sometimes the chair tips back. I'm going to want you in front
11:39:16 11 of the microphone. It's a very expensive federal one.

11:39:23 12 THE WITNESS: Can I take this --

11:39:28 13 THE COURT: Any of the exhibits may come up on your
11:39:31 14 screen, sir. Understood some of the exhibits may come up on
11:39:38 15 your screen.

11:39:41 16 THE WITNESS: The computer screen.

11:39:51 17 THE COURT: Okay. When the time comes, we may tell
11:39:54 18 you to look at the screen, okay?

11:39:55 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm ready.

11:39:57 20 THE COURT: He's ready.

11:39:58 21 MR. MANGAN: Thank you, Your Honor. If it helps
11:40:00 22 Your Honor, may the witness take off his mask?

11:40:02 23 THE COURT: Yes, if you want to take off your mask.

11:40:05 24 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11:40:05 25 THE COURT: You are fully surrounded by Plexiglas.

11:40:11 1 You may proceed, Counsel.

11:40:12 2 The lawyer for the government will ask you some questions
11:40:15 3 at this time.

11:40:17 4 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

11:40:18 5 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:40:19 6 **Q.** Good morning, sir. I'm Tim Mangan on behalf of the
11:40:22 7 United States.

11:40:22 8 Can you state your full name for the record, please?

11:40:25 9 **A.** My full name is Arthur Ching Fu Gau.

11:40:31 10 **Q.** And how do you spell your last name?

11:40:33 11 **A.** My last name spells G-A-U.

11:40:38 12 **Q.** All right. Mr. Gau, where were you born and raised?

11:40:42 13 **A.** I was born in Taipei, Taiwan.

11:40:47 14 **Q.** All right. And what languages do you speak?

11:40:50 15 **A.** I spoke English mostly, and also Chinese, Mandarin.

11:41:01 16 **Q.** All right. Mr. Gau, were you originally raised in
11:41:04 17 Taiwan?

11:41:04 18 **A.** Yes.

11:41:10 19 **Q.** Okay. At what point did you move to the United States?

11:41:12 20 **A.** I came to United States for graduate study in 1978.

11:41:24 21 **Q.** All right. And have you become a United States citizen?

11:41:26 22 **A.** Yes. I become United States citizen 1992, February
11:41:31 23 25th.

11:41:33 24 **Q.** All right. I'd like to ask you about your education.
11:41:38 25 Did you receive a degree in Taiwan?

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11:41:40 1 A. Yes. I receive bachelor degree in mechanical
11:41:48 2 engineering from National Taiwan University in 1975.
11:41:56 3 Q. All right. I believe you said you came to the United
11:41:59 4 States to pursue a master's degree?
11:42:02 5 A. Yes. I obtain a master degree from University of New
11:42:11 6 York in Buffalo in 1979.
11:42:15 7 Q. And what was that master's in? What did you study?
11:42:20 8 A. That master degree was in mechanical engineering.
11:42:23 9 Q. Okay. Did you pursue any additional master's degrees?
11:42:28 10 A. Yes. After getting a bachelor degree, I transfer to
11:42:34 11 Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.
11:42:41 12 Q. Did you obtain a degree from Purdue?
11:42:44 13 A. I obtain a master degree in industrial engineering and
11:42:49 14 also Ph.D. degree in aeronautics and astronautics in 1984.
11:42:58 15 Q. And the degree in aeronautics and astronautics, that was
11:43:04 16 a Ph.D.?
11:43:05 17 A. That's a Ph.D., yes.
11:43:07 18 Q. After that degree, did you begin to teach engineering?
11:43:09 19 A. Yes.
11:43:10 20 Q. Where --
11:43:11 21 A. I obtain teaching job at University of Cincinnati
11:43:18 22 starting in 1995 to 1988. Was teaching assistant professor
11:43:27 23 in aerospace engineering department.
11:43:31 24 Q. All right. After your teaching career at the University
11:43:35 25 of Cincinnati, did you pursue an engineering job with a

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11:43:38 1 company?

11:43:39 2 A. Yes. After three years of teaching, I obtain job at
11:43:51 3 General Electric, Allison Gas Turbine, starting in 1988 to
11:43:57 4 1996 for eight years.

11:44:00 5 Q. Was that -- is that Allison Gas --

11:44:04 6 A. Allison Gas Turbine --

11:44:06 7 Q. All right.

11:44:06 8 A. -- Company at Indianapolis, Indiana. It's a division
11:44:13 9 of General Motors Corporation.

11:44:19 10 Q. Okay. At some point did you move to Arizona?

11:44:21 11 A. I moved to Arizona in 1996 because the job change. I
11:44:29 12 obtain a position in AlliedSignal at that time, in Phoenix.

11:44:38 13 Q. And how long did you work for AlliedSignal?

11:44:40 14 A. AlliedSignal later merged with Honeywell in 1999. And
11:44:47 15 I work in the same company that's Honeywell for 25 years.

11:44:55 16 Q. All right. So you went from working for Allied to
11:45:02 17 working for Honeywell?

11:45:04 18 A. Yes. I worked for AlliedSignal in Sky Harbor division
11:45:09 19 for two years. Then I transfer to Tempe division. That's
11:45:16 20 the aerospace division, but it's still same company.

11:45:21 21 Starting 1999, AlliedSignal become Honeywell. It's both
11:45:30 22 company combined. They was merged into Honeywell.

11:45:33 23 Q. Is Honeywell involved in the aviation industry?

11:45:36 24 A. Yes, in making component and subsystems for aerospace
11:45:44 25 aircraft and the APU. That's a power auxiliary unit.

11:45:52 1 Q. All right. While you worked at Honeywell, did you
11:45:54 2 receive training about protecting the company's trade secrets?
11:45:58 3 A. Yes, I receive security training about proprietary
11:46:06 4 material and also export control -- export control
11:46:12 5 classified material.
11:46:14 6 Q. Can you explain what export controlled material is?
11:46:17 7 A. Yes. Export control, the material and proprietary
11:46:24 8 information spec should not be allowed export to foreign
11:46:29 9 countries without a license.
11:46:32 10 Q. All right. And did you receive training at Honeywell
11:46:36 11 about export controls?
11:46:38 12 A. Yes. I receive training and that some material that
11:46:46 13 are export controlled expect, software material.
11:46:53 14 Q. Okay. While you were at Honeywell, did you take a trip
11:46:59 15 to China in 2017?
11:47:02 16 A. I'm sorry. I did not catch your question. Could you
11:47:06 17 repeat your same question?
11:47:10 18 Q. Sure.
11:47:10 19 A. A little bit louder.
11:47:12 20 Q. While you were at Honeywell, did you take a trip to China
11:47:15 21 in 2017?
11:47:17 22 A. Yes, I understand your question. From 1997 to 2003, I
11:47:26 23 take three trips to China.
11:47:30 24 Q. Mr. Gau, we don't need to go back. I'll go back to the
11:47:33 25 history. I just wanted to ask, in 2017 did you take a trip?

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11:47:37 1 A. Oh, yes, in 2017 --

11:47:40 2 Q. Okay.

11:47:40 3 A. -- I took a trip to visit Nanjing.

11:47:44 4 Q. Did you give a presentation during that trip?

11:47:46 5 A. Oh, yes. Yes, I made a presentation.

11:47:51 6 Q. And before that trip, did you send any materials over to

11:47:55 7 a person in China?

11:47:56 8 A. Yes, I send in a email. I made a mistake, send in an

11:48:04 9 email for a PowerPoint presentation. That's for

11:48:08 10 presentation in Nanjing.

11:48:10 11 Q. Did those materials --

11:48:11 12 A. In 2017.

11:48:14 13 Q. Did those materials include export controlled materials?

11:48:17 14 A. Some of material, they relate to proprietary material.

11:48:25 15 It's starting louder, engine starting louder. And also

11:48:31 16 there are 14 slides regarding this entry control and

11:48:37 17 protection shutdown logic. And those are to company as part

11:48:43 18 of my own work, but it is proprietary, protected.

11:48:47 19 Q. Okay. What I wanted to ask was, did any of the materials

11:48:51 20 in the presentation include export controlled materials?

11:48:55 21 A. Yes.

11:48:56 22 Q. Okay. And at some point was your work at Honeywell

11:49:01 23 terminated?

11:49:02 24 A. Yes. After investigation by agent, three months later

11:49:12 25 I was terminated.

11:49:14 1 Q. In what year?

11:49:15 2 A. At work.

11:49:17 3 Q. What year were you terminated by Honeywell?

11:49:19 4 A. 2019, January 10th. That's my last day.

11:49:25 5 Q. Were you charged with a crime for exporting those
11:49:29 6 materials?

11:49:29 7 A. Yes. And I plead guilty for it. And assume the full
11:49:38 8 responsibility for this exporting without a license.

11:49:45 9 Q. All right. Let me ask you about your trips to China.

11:49:52 10 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, if I could show the witness
11:49:54 11 Exhibit 83 on the screen, please.

11:49:56 12 THE COURT: Yes.

11:50:00 13 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:50:00 14 Q. Do you see on the screen there, do you see an image?

11:50:04 15 A. Yes. I got it. I see it on screen.

11:50:08 16 Q. Okay. Do you recognize that person?

11:50:09 17 A. Yes.

11:50:12 18 Q. And have you met him?

11:50:13 19 A. Yes.

11:50:15 20 Q. And where does he work?

11:50:18 21 A. I met Professor Gao 1997 first time at the National
11:50:28 22 University. This is Nanjing University of Aeronautics and
11:50:38 23 Astronautics.

11:50:38 24 Q. All right. And was he someone you met with during your
11:50:40 25 various trips?

11:50:41 1 A. Sorry. I did not hear --

11:50:45 2 Q. Did you meet with him --

11:50:47 3 A. -- correctly.

11:50:48 4 Q. Did you meet with Professor Gao during some of your
11:50:52 5 trips?

11:50:52 6 A. Yes.

11:50:53 7 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit
11:50:56 8 83.

11:50:57 9 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

11:50:58 10 THE COURT: It's admitted.

11:51:00 11 (Government Exhibit 83 was received in evidence.)

11:51:00 12 MR. MANGAN: If we may publish, Your Honor.

11:51:01 13 THE COURT: You can show it to the jury.

11:51:07 14 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat same question again?

11:51:09 15 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:51:09 16 Q. Okay. I haven't asked one. Just one moment.

11:51:13 17 Mr. Gau, can you once again say the name of this
11:51:19 18 individual? What is the name of the individual on the screen?

11:51:23 19 A. The photograph?

11:51:25 20 Q. Yes.

11:51:26 21 A. Is Gao, last name's G-A-O, spell it's G-A-O, and first
11:51:33 22 name is Z-H-E-N -- N, like "Nancy" -- G. It's a Professor
11:51:43 23 Gao Zheng.

11:51:46 24 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I'd ask if we can show the
11:51:48 25 witness Exhibit 84, please.

11:51:50 1 THE COURT: Yes.

11:51:53 2 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:51:53 3 Q. Do you recognize --

11:51:54 4 A. Yes, I'm there.

11:51:55 5 Q. Okay. Do you recognize what that is?

11:51:57 6 A. Yes. It's a business card from Professor Gao Zheng

11:52:07 7 given to me in 1997.

11:52:11 8 MR. MANGAN: Okay. Your Honor, we'd move to admit

11:52:13 9 Exhibit 84.

11:52:15 10 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

11:52:15 11 THE COURT: It's admitted.

11:52:17 12 (Government Exhibit 84 was received in evidence.)

11:52:17 13 THE WITNESS: Yes. It's a business card.

11:52:21 14 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:52:21 15 Q. All right. One moment.

11:52:22 16 MR. MANGAN: May we publish, Your Honor?

11:52:23 17 THE COURT: Yes.

11:52:24 18 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:52:25 19 Q. We're just going to take a moment while they show it to

11:52:28 20 the jury, okay?

11:52:29 21 A. Okay.

11:52:31 22 Q. Now, looking at the screen, Exhibit 84, is this the

11:52:34 23 business card you were referring to, that you received from

11:52:40 24 the professor?

11:52:41 25 A. Yes, it's a business card from Professor Gao.

11:52:50 1 Q. And if we look at the business card, what is the name of
11:52:55 2 the university where he works?
11:52:56 3 A. It's Nanjing University of Aeronautics and
11:53:02 4 Astronautics.
11:53:02 5 Q. And what are his titles on the business card?
11:53:05 6 A. Title's professor and director, is a Rotorcraft, the
11:53:13 7 lab, is a Lab of Rotorcraft.
11:53:17 8 Q. At the Rotorcraft Lab?
11:53:19 9 A. And aeromechanics.
11:53:21 10 Q. Okay. And does it say, "Chairman of Chinese Helicopter
11:53:25 11 Society"?
11:53:25 12 A. Chairman of Chinese Helicopter Society.
11:53:30 13 Q. All right. I think you said it. When did you first meet
11:53:37 14 Professor Gao?
11:53:39 15 A. Pardon?
11:53:40 16 Q. When did you first meet Professor Gao?
11:53:40 17 A. 1997.
11:53:42 18 Q. All right.
11:53:42 19 A. The first time.
11:53:44 20 Q. Was that during a trip to Nanjing?
11:53:47 21 A. That's during a trip to NUAA, yes.
11:53:51 22 Q. All right. Did you go back to China in 2000?
11:53:57 23 A. 2000, yes.
11:53:58 24 Q. All right. And did you see Professor Gao during that
11:54:03 25 visit?

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11:54:03 1 A. Yes. Visit him for four days.

11:54:07 2 Q. Was there a -- did you give a presentation during that

11:54:09 3 visit?

11:54:10 4 A. Yes, I gave a presentation to students in the seminar,

11:54:18 5 university seminar.

11:54:19 6 Q. Did you receive any payment for that trip?

11:54:21 7 A. Could you repeat the same question? I didn't hear

11:54:29 8 about -- do I receive?

11:54:31 9 Q. Sure. Did you receive a payment of money for the trip?

11:54:34 10 A. Receive?

11:54:38 11 Q. Were you paid money for the trip?

11:54:40 12 A. Oh, pay. They pay for the airfare way.

11:54:45 13 Q. Okay. Who paid for the airfare?

11:54:47 14 A. This is a foreign affair office.

11:54:50 15 Q. The foreign affair office?

11:54:52 16 A. Of NUAA.

11:54:53 17 Q. Okay. Have you ever met an individual named Zha Rong?

11:55:02 18 A. Yes. There were three people working in the foreign

11:55:05 19 affair office, and he is one of the person. I barely know

11:55:12 20 him in 2000, but I met him first time in the year of 2000.

11:55:16 21 Q. Okay. You met him in 2000.

11:55:19 22 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I'd ask if we could show

11:55:22 23 the witness Exhibit 80.

11:55:24 24 THE COURT: Yes.

11:55:27 25 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:55:27 1 Q. If you could take a look at your screen, sir. Do you
11:55:31 2 recognize that business card?

11:55:33 3 A. Yes. That's a business card given to me. I think it's
11:55:43 4 2003 when he give it to me. But it's Zha, the last name
11:55:48 5 spells Z-H-A, and first name Rong, R-O-N-G.

11:55:58 6 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, may we --

11:56:00 7 THE WITNESS: He is receptionist working in a
11:56:03 8 Foreign Affairs Office at NUAA.

11:56:08 9 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit
11:56:10 10 80.

11:56:12 11 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

11:56:12 12 THE COURT: Admitted.

11:56:13 13 (Government Exhibit 80 was received in evidence.)

11:56:13 14 MR. MANGAN: May we publish?

11:56:14 15 THE COURT: Yes, you may show it to the jury.

11:56:23 16 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:56:23 17 Q. Mr. Gau, did you receive this business card from a person
11:56:26 18 called Zha Rong?

11:56:27 19 A. Zha Rong, yes.

11:56:29 20 Q. In looking at the business card, where does it say he
11:56:33 21 works?

11:56:33 22 A. He work at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and
11:56:41 23 Astronautics, Foreign Affairs Office.

11:56:45 24 Q. Did you -- when you talked with him, did you call him Zha
11:56:51 25 Rong or did you call him something else?

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11:56:53 1 A. We call him Zha Rong and also the nickname, Little Zha.

11:57:01 2 Q. Did you ever call him by his initials, Z.R.?

11:57:06 3 A. Yes, both, Mr. Zha or Little Zha.

11:57:11 4 Q. All right. During your trip in 2000, what did Mr. Zha
11:57:19 5 Rong do?

11:57:20 6 A. Sorry. I did not catch question. Was Mr. Zha Rong --

11:57:27 7 Q. What did Zha Rong do during your trip to China in 2000?

11:57:32 8 A. During the trip, he's a receptionist, one of three
11:57:37 9 working in office. It shows how to get around in a city,
11:57:44 10 like where to go to get a meal, where to go for sight-
11:57:50 11 seeing, where to get the exchange, the dollar exchange.

11:58:01 12 Q. All right. And did his office pay for your airfare?

11:58:03 13 A. I cannot remember exactly, but it's very likely, yes.

11:58:09 14 Q. All right. I want to ask about your next trip in 2003.

11:58:15 15 A. Sure.

11:58:16 16 Q. Did you return to China in 2003?

11:58:21 17 A. In 2003 I was doing this Three Gorges cruise along the
11:58:32 18 Zen River, because I cannot book the ticket from United
11:58:37 19 States. So I went through -- when I went through the China,
11:58:44 20 the Foreign Affairs Office sent Little Rong. That's the Zha
11:58:52 21 Rong. Mr. Zha come to Beijing airport to receive us.
11:58:56 22 That's me and my mother on the trip.

11:59:00 23 I was setting up a trip before this Three Gorges Dam
11:59:09 24 was complete. It's about to complete at that time, and
11:59:12 25 start to blacken the water. So once the water rise, the

11:59:18 1 scenery will be all change.

11:59:20 2 Q. Okay.

11:59:21 3 THE COURT: I'm going to need to break at an
11:59:23 4 appropriate moment. If you've got a couple more, go ahead.

11:59:27 5 MR. MANGAN: I will ask one more, and maybe that's
11:59:29 6 the right time, Your Honor.

11:59:30 7 THE COURT: Very well.

11:59:31 8 BY MR. MANGAN:

11:59:31 9 Q. During the 2003 trip, did you see Professor Gao and Zha
11:59:36 10 Rong?

11:59:36 11 A. Along of this cruising trip, he was accompany me
11:59:47 12 through all the way.

11:59:48 13 Q. Was it Mr. Zha Rong who accompanied you?

11:59:51 14 A. Yes, for the sight-seeing trip.

11:59:54 15 Q. And the company --

11:59:55 16 A. And then on the return trip, stop at NUAA and met with
12:00:01 17 Professor Gao for one day.

12:00:05 18 Q. All right. Last question before we break. Who paid for
12:00:08 19 the sight-seeing trip?

12:00:09 20 A. For the sight-seeing, the University of Nanjing
12:00:19 21 Aeronautic -- this Foreign Affairs Office. And I took care
12:00:27 22 of starting from the Beijing airport and all the way stop in
12:00:34 23 Nanjing and then back to Beijing again. And then I was
12:00:40 24 taking a flight back from Beijing to U.S.A.

12:00:46 25 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I think this would be a

12:00:48 1 good breaking point.

12:00:49 2 THE COURT: Very well. We are going to take a lunch

12:00:51 3 break, stop for a little while, okay?

12:00:53 4 THE WITNESS: A lunch break now. Thank you.

12:00:55 5 THE COURT: Members of the jury, we're going to take

12:00:57 6 our lunch break. High noon. We're going to break until 1:30.

12:01:02 7 During the break, take a break. Don't discuss the case among

12:01:07 8 yourselves or with anyone else. No independent research.

12:01:09 9 Continue to keep an open mind.

12:01:12 10 Out of respect for you, we'll rise as you leave.

12:01:16 11 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

12:01:18 12 (Jury out at 12:01 p.m.)

12:01:50 13 THE COURT: The jury's left the room. The door is

12:01:53 14 closed. The witness can step down and go to lunch.

12:02:00 15 Will the government see to his care and admonish him

12:02:04 16 about his testimony, not to discuss it?

12:02:09 17 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor. He has counsel here

12:02:10 18 as well.

12:02:12 19 THE COURT: Magnificent. Where is counsel?

12:02:16 20 MS. CISNEROS: Right here, Your Honor.

12:02:18 21 THE COURT: Welcome.

12:02:22 22 MS. CISNEROS: Thank you.

12:02:23 23 THE COURT: 1:30.

12:02:24 24 Okay. Please be seated.

12:02:32 25 Is there something that I need to address before the

12:02:35 1 lunch break from the government's perspective?

12:02:39 2 MR. MANGAN: After this witness, Your Honor, it
12:02:40 3 would become ripe to discuss the issue related to the
12:02:44 4 presentation of that transcript that we raised with the Court.

12:02:48 5 THE COURT: And should we resolve that now?

12:02:51 6 MR. MANGAN: It would certainly help our planning.

12:02:54 7 THE COURT: Very well.

12:02:55 8 MR. MANGAN: I do expect this witness will take a
12:02:57 9 little bit of time. He's currently on the stand.

12:03:00 10 THE COURT: Well, let's address it now.

12:03:04 11 Let me make a statement. I've read the government's
12:03:08 12 memo, motion.

12:03:13 13 For purposes of the record, yesterday afternoon the
12:03:16 14 government raised an issue regarding the presentation of
12:03:19 15 previously admitted exhibits. Specifically, the government
12:03:24 16 admitted into evidence the transcripts of certain recorded
12:03:29 17 conversations, but the government did not publish the exhibits
12:03:34 18 to the jury at the time of their admission.

12:03:37 19 The government now seeks to have the transcripts read in
12:03:42 20 open court. Yesterday, the government proposed doing so
12:03:46 21 either by having it read for the jurors by various non-
12:03:50 22 witness individuals or, alternatively, the government proposed
12:03:57 23 having a superfluous witness take the stand merely to read the
12:04:01 24 transcripts.

12:04:02 25 Defendant objected to the government's proposal, stating

12:04:05 1 that the manner in which the government intends to present the
12:04:09 2 evidence is improper. Moreover, defendant noted that the
12:04:13 3 transcripts are already in evidence, can be referenced by
12:04:18 4 counsel during closing arguments, and will be provided to the
12:04:22 5 jurors during deliberations. Therefore, defendant maintains
12:04:28 6 that the government's intended reading of the transcript is
12:04:31 7 unnecessary and improper.

12:04:33 8 I indicated yesterday in open court that I was
12:04:37 9 disinclined to allow the government to revisit the admitted
12:04:42 10 transcripts in the manner indicated but that I would give it
12:04:46 11 additional thought. After we recessed for the day, I gave it
12:04:51 12 more thought and determined that the defense's objection was
12:04:55 13 well taken. I had my staff email the lawyers, the parties to
12:05:00 14 that effect yesterday at 6:30 p.m.

12:05:05 15 At 7:55 p.m. the government filed a motion to publish
12:05:09 16 exhibits. In its motion the government proposes as an
12:05:13 17 alternative means of presenting the evidence that it could
12:05:18 18 recall Agent Hull to merely read the transcript but not
12:05:22 19 otherwise testify to anything.

12:05:27 20 The government also cites Sixth Circuit case law *U.S.*
12:05:31 21 *versus Tragas*, T-R-A-G-A-S, in support of its proposal. As an
12:05:37 22 initial matter, the government's cited case law stands for the
12:05:42 23 proposition that a witness can read a transcript that's
12:05:45 24 already admitted into evidence. But that's not the issue
12:05:49 25 here. The government -- or the Court is well aware that

12:05:53 1 reading the contents of an admitted exhibit is generally
12:05:59 2 appropriate, and I have allowed the government to do just that
12:06:03 3 with a number of communications and numerous witnesses. But
12:06:08 4 the issue here is not whether the witness can read an admitted
12:06:13 5 exhibit but rather the issue is the manner in which the
12:06:16 6 government intends to do so.

12:06:19 7 And the case law cited by the government does not address
12:06:22 8 that issue. Notably, the *Tragas* case does say that a
12:06:28 9 theatrical performance would generally be inappropriate.

12:06:32 10 Here, the Court finds that having the transcript read by
12:06:36 11 non-witnesses is effectively the same as having it acted out
12:06:40 12 for the jury. It's not an appropriate means of presenting the
12:06:45 13 evidence.

12:06:46 14 Moreover, as to the notion that the government would
12:06:49 15 simply put on an irrelevant witness to read the transcript,
12:06:53 16 this too is appropriate. Federal Rule of Evidence 602 states
12:06:58 17 that, quote, "A witness may testify to a matter only if the
12:07:02 18 evidence is introduced sufficient to support a finding that
12:07:11 19 the witness has personal knowledge of the matter," end quote.

12:07:14 20 Simply having an agent with no connection to the case
12:07:17 21 take the stand for the purpose of reading a transcript to the
12:07:20 22 jury, no less a transcript that the jury can read for
12:07:23 23 themselves during deliberations, is not appropriate. The
12:07:31 24 circumstances would be different, for instance, if the
12:07:34 25 government were merely proposing to read prior statements of

12:07:38 1 an unavailable witness who was previously subject to
12:07:42 2 cross-examination.

12:07:46 3 But here, there are no such circumstances that would
12:07:48 4 justify the government's intended presentation of the
12:07:52 5 transcript. But here, what we have is the government
12:07:56 6 admitting an exhibit, not publishing it through the relevant
12:08:01 7 witness, and now seeking to go back and present the evidence
12:08:05 8 using nontraditional methods simply for the sake of reading an
12:08:09 9 exhibit that the jury can easily read for itself.

12:08:14 10 Additionally, the government now proposes recalling Agent
12:08:21 11 Hull. The Court has broad discretion with regard to allowing
12:08:24 12 a party to recall witnesses, and that discretion largely
12:08:27 13 arises from the Court's authority to exercise reasonable
12:08:31 14 control over the proceedings and the manner and mode of
12:08:37 15 examining witnesses.

12:08:38 16 In considering whether to allow a party to recall a
12:08:41 17 witness, the Court may consider a number of factors, including
12:08:46 18 the parties' explanation for failing to introduce the evidence
12:08:50 19 earlier, the admissibility and relevance of the evidence, and
12:08:55 20 prejudice to the opposing party.

12:08:57 21 Here, admissibility and relevance are not in question,
12:09:06 22 and indeed, the exhibits have already been admitted. So my
12:09:08 23 focus, driven by the case law, is really on why the government
12:09:12 24 failed to just have Agent Hull read the transcript at the time
12:09:15 25 of his testimony. And I'm also curious as to why the

12:09:20 1 government believes that having the exhibit in evidence, being
12:09:24 2 able to rely on it and read from it in closing arguments, and
12:09:28 3 having the jury able to read it during deliberations is not
12:09:33 4 adequate.

12:09:34 5 Can the government speak to my inquiry?

12:09:38 6 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I think really our -- first
12:09:44 7 of all, we intended to present it simply in the mode that we
12:09:49 8 had proposed yesterday. The transcript is quite lengthy, and
12:09:54 9 that's why simply submitting it at the conclusion of the
12:09:58 10 proceedings without actually walking through it we don't think
12:10:04 11 would be as helpful in terms of the jury understanding the
12:10:07 12 evidence. We think there is some value to reading it to them.

12:10:11 13 We understand the Court's ruling and reluctance. If
12:10:16 14 that's how the Court is ruling, then we will just proceed
12:10:20 15 accordingly.

12:10:21 16 THE COURT: Very well. Does the defense need to be
12:10:24 17 heard before the Court acts?

12:10:27 18 MR. MIEDEL: I don't think so, Your Honor.

12:10:28 19 THE COURT: Very well. The government has conducted
12:10:34 20 verbatim readings as to a number of exhibits and could have
12:10:37 21 done so to the transcript at issue. The government did not do
12:10:42 22 so. My ruling as indicated in the email my chambers sent out
12:10:47 23 last night still stands.

12:10:48 24 If the government has a remaining witness with direct
12:10:51 25 knowledge of the recorded conversation, it can still proceed

12:10:55 1 to review the evidence through that witness. Otherwise -- or
12:11:02 2 present the evidence through that witness. Otherwise, the
12:11:05 3 Court declines to allow a simulated reading by non-witnesses
12:11:08 4 or irrelevant witnesses, and the Court finds no basis to
12:11:13 5 reopen the testimony of Agent Hull for no purpose other than
12:11:19 6 to read a document that the jury can read for itself.

12:11:23 7 That's the Court's ruling. We will now recess until
12:11:27 8 1:30.

12:11:28 9 On the lunch break, is there anything else that requires
12:11:31 10 my attention before we break for lunch, from the government?

12:11:33 11 MR. MANGAN: No, Your Honor.

12:11:34 12 THE COURT: From the defense?

12:11:36 13 MR. MIEDEL: No, Your Honor.

12:11:36 14 THE COURT: We are in recess till 1:30.

12:11:39 15 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. The court's in
12:11:41 16 recess until 1:30.

12:11:43 17 (Lunch recess at 12:11 p.m. until 1:35 p.m.)

01:35:39 18 THE COURT: We're back in the courtroom. Are we
01:35:42 19 ready to get the jury from the government's perspective?

01:35:45 20 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor.

01:35:45 21 THE COURT: And the defense?

01:35:47 22 MR. MIEDEL: Yes, Your Honor.

01:35:48 23 THE COURT: Very well. Let's call for the jury,
01:35:54 24 please.

01:37:14 25 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

01:37:15 1 (Jury in at 1:37 p.m.)

01:37:48 2 THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you.

01:37:52 3 The jury has arrived after a lunch break. On behalf of

01:38:01 4 the Court and the community and the parties, thank you for

01:38:04 5 your close attention. And thank you for continuing to keep an

01:38:08 6 open mind.

01:38:10 7 We'll continue to hear the testimony of this witness.

01:38:12 8 Mr. McKenzie, you may proceed.

01:38:14 9 MR. MANGAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

01:38:16 10 THE COURT: Very well.

01:38:17 11 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:38:17 12 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Gau.

01:38:20 13 A. Hi.

01:38:21 14 Q. I want to talk to you a little bit more about Zha Rong.

01:38:27 15 A. Sure.

01:38:27 16 Q. All right. At some point did you begin emailing with

01:38:31 17 him?

01:38:32 18 A. Yes.

01:38:34 19 Q. Can you take a look at -- in the binder there is Exhibit

01:38:37 20 88a and 88b.

01:38:46 21 MR. MANGAN: And, Your Honor, if we could ask to put

01:38:49 22 them on the screen as well.

01:38:50 23 THE COURT: Very well.

01:38:54 24 THE WITNESS: Yes, I'm there.

01:38:55 25 BY MR. MANGAN:

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01:38:55 1 Q. Do you see Exhibit 88a?

01:38:57 2 A. Yes.

01:38:59 3 Q. And what are these?

01:39:00 4 A. This a email from jastburton. It is from Zha, Z-H-A,

01:39:14 5 the Little Zha.

01:39:16 6 Q. Little Zha?

01:39:16 7 A. Yes.

01:39:16 8 Q. All right. And was that sent to your email address?

01:39:19 9 A. Yes, is sent to my email address, arthur.gau@juno.com.

01:39:28 10 Q. All right. And for 88a, are these the emails in the

01:39:32 11 original Chinese characters?

01:39:34 12 A. Yes.

01:39:35 13 Q. Can you --

01:39:37 14 A. This is characters, yes.

01:39:38 15 Q. Can you look at the exhibits in 88b?

01:39:51 16 A. Yes, I'm there.

01:39:53 17 Q. Are those the translations of those emails?

01:39:56 18 A. Yes. It's English version.

01:40:00 19 Q. Thank you.

01:40:01 20 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibits

01:40:04 21 88a and b.

01:40:06 22 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

01:40:06 23 THE COURT: Admitted.

01:40:06 24 (Government Exhibits 88a and 88b were received in

01:40:09 25 evidence.)

01:40:09 1 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:40:09 2 Q. We're going to stay on 88a, okay?

01:40:14 3 A. Okay.

01:40:17 4 MR. MANGAN: If we could publish 88 -- I'm sorry,
01:40:20 5 88b. My apologies. Let's stick with the English version. If
01:40:25 6 we could publish 88b to the jury, Your Honor?

01:40:28 7 THE COURT: Yes.

01:40:29 8 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:40:29 9 Q. Let me start with page 1, and you can either look at it
01:40:32 10 on the binder or you can look on your screen, okay?

01:40:36 11 A. Okay.

01:40:36 12 Q. Mr. Gau, is this the email you just referenced from
01:40:40 13 Little Zha?

01:40:41 14 A. Yes, is from Little Zha.

01:40:44 15 Q. And is the email address that was used called
01:40:50 16 jastburton@gmail?

01:40:54 17 A. Yes, that's correct.

01:40:56 18 Q. And what is the date of the email?

01:40:58 19 A. This January 17, 2014.

01:41:04 20 Q. All right. Let me read this for you.

01:41:09 21 "Mr. Gau. My apology. The message that I sent on the
01:41:12 22 New Year's Day was rejected. I reckon that you must not have
01:41:16 23 received it. This is my other email address.

01:41:18 24 "We indeed have not seen each other for a long time.
01:41:22 25 Time flies. It has been 11 year. I heard from Teacher Gao

01:41:28 1 that you have a son recently. Congratulations. I wish you
01:41:31 2 and your family a Happy New Year and have good health. I also
01:41:35 3 hope that you will come back to China to visit next year."

01:41:39 4 Do you see that, Mr. Gau?

01:41:41 5 A. Yes, I saw it.

01:41:42 6 Q. And did you receive this from Zha Rong?

01:41:49 7 A. Yes, the Little Zha, Z-H-R -- Z-H-A.

01:41:56 8 Q. Had you not seen each other in the last 11 years?

01:41:58 9 A. No connection, no email in between, yeah, 2003 to this
01:42:07 10 email.

01:42:09 11 Q. All right. If we could turn to the next page.
01:42:14 12 Did you respond to him?

01:42:16 13 A. Yes.

01:42:19 14 Q. I'm sorry. On the second page, did he again reach out to
01:42:23 15 you and ask if you were coming back to China?

01:42:26 16 A. Yes.

01:42:30 17 Q. All right. And is this one dated January 22, 2016?

01:42:38 18 A. This dated January 22, 2016.

01:42:44 19 Q. All right. Thank you.

01:42:46 20 I'd like to turn to page 3. And it will show up on your
01:42:51 21 screen as well.

01:42:55 22 A. I'm there. Thank you.

01:42:57 23 Q. Thank you. What is this email?

01:43:01 24 A. My email's arthur.gau@juno.com. So this is my respond
01:43:11 25 to Little Zha's email.

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01:43:13 1 Q. Okay. So this is your response?

01:43:14 2 A. Yes.

01:43:15 3 Q. And if we could go down towards the bottom.

01:43:22 4 A. Yes, I'm there.

01:43:23 5 Q. All right. Did you provide him with your WeChat number?

01:43:30 6 A. Yes, that's correct. That's my WeChat number.

01:43:33 7 Q. And did you also provide him with your WeChat nickname?

01:43:37 8 A. Yes, the WeChat handle.

01:43:41 9 Q. And we see -- that's your WeChat handle?

01:43:45 10 A. Yes.

01:43:46 11 Q. All right. Thank you. If we can turn to page 4? At the

01:43:52 12 top.

01:43:54 13 Do you see a response from jastburton?

01:43:59 14 A. Yes.

01:44:00 15 Q. And I'll read it. "Mr. Gau, I added your WeChat account

01:44:05 16 and sent you a message. However, you haven't responded.

01:44:08 17 Don't you use WeChat often?"

01:44:11 18 Did I read that correctly?

01:44:13 19 A. Yes.

01:44:14 20 Q. All right. And what is the date of this response?

01:44:17 21 A. This is March 2, 2016.

01:44:23 22 Q. Okay. Now, did you go back to China in 2016?

01:44:30 23 A. Yes, in March 2016. I took a personal trip to visit my

01:44:41 24 music -- musical drama friends at Changzou. That's in 2016.

01:44:50 25 Q. How long were you in China during that trip?

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01:44:54 1 A. I was in China for five days.

01:44:58 2 Q. Did you see Zha Rong during that trip?

01:45:01 3 A. Yes. During the transit, when I go from Beijing

01:45:09 4 airport to the -- the city my friend, the musical friend,

01:45:17 5 they reside. And I saw him. I met him in a hotel during

01:45:25 6 this transit, and also on the way back, the last day I met

01:45:32 7 him as well.

01:45:34 8 Q. All right. So did you see -- just to clarify, did you

01:45:39 9 see Zha Rong when you first got to China?

01:45:42 10 A. Yes, when I got to Beijing airport.

01:45:49 11 Q. All right. And then did you also see him on your return

01:45:51 12 trip?

01:45:52 13 A. On the return trip, right. During the transit.

01:45:55 14 Q. All right. When you first got there and saw Zha Rong,

01:45:58 15 was he with anyone else?

01:46:00 16 A. Yes.

01:46:02 17 Q. Who?

01:46:02 18 A. Mr. Xu, the X-U, was with him.

01:46:09 19 Q. Is that how his name is spelled?

01:46:12 20 A. Yes, X-U.

01:46:12 21 Q. X-U?

01:46:17 22 A. That's how you pronounce Mr. Xu.

01:46:20 23 Q. So when you met Zha Rong and Mr. Xu --

01:46:24 24 A. Xu, yes.

01:46:26 25 Q. -- did you have any meals with them?

01:46:28 1 A. For that night, yes, we had a dinner. It was pretty
01:46:36 2 late. We had a dinner.

01:46:38 3 Q. All right. Did you also meet with the two of them on
01:46:43 4 your return trip?

01:46:44 5 A. On the return trip, yes, we met in, first met in train
01:46:50 6 station and then back to the hotel. And then we had a
01:46:57 7 little cake. This dialect, pastry is cakes of various types
01:47:04 8 of little cake.

01:47:06 9 Q. Okay. When you met with Zha Rong and Mr. Xu, did you go
01:47:13 10 to your hotel room with them?

01:47:16 11 A. At the return night, that night, yes, very late. They
01:47:24 12 went to my room.

01:47:25 13 Q. And --

01:47:26 14 A. And gave me \$3,000.

01:47:29 15 Q. They gave you \$3,000?

01:47:31 16 A. Yes.

01:47:32 17 Q. Was that in U.S. cash?

01:47:34 18 A. That's in U.S. dollars, yes.

01:47:38 19 Q. Did you give a presentation during that visit?

01:47:40 20 A. No. I was surprised. That was on my personal trip.

01:47:45 21 Q. All right. Did you bring your computer laptop with you?

01:47:49 22 A. No, no laptop.

01:47:52 23 Q. All right. Were you still working for Honeywell at that
01:47:56 24 time?

01:47:56 25 A. Yes, I was still working at Honeywell at that time.

01:48:02 1 Q. Did they ask you anything about Honeywell during that
01:48:06 2 visit?

01:48:07 3 A. No. I just talk about my career changes. I'm off on
01:48:18 4 the field propulsion and then working on aerospace systems,
01:48:23 5 like air conditioning, air flow system; and they were
01:48:29 6 talking about Taiwan politics, the action going on in Taiwan
01:48:37 7 and their universe.

01:48:41 8 Q. You said they gave you cash. Were you expected to come
01:48:46 9 back and give a presentation?

01:48:49 10 A. They invited me for this 2017 trip.

01:48:57 11 Q. All right.

01:48:57 12 A. Back to Nanjing.

01:49:00 13 Q. Okay. Did you go back to China in 2017?

01:49:05 14 A. Yes, at 2017 October.

01:49:11 15 Q. In October?

01:49:12 16 A. Yes. I took a trip to visit Nanjing again in 2017,
01:49:21 17 October 12.

01:49:22 18 Q. And did you give a presentation as they requested?

01:49:25 19 A. Yes, I made a presentation on Friday, late afternoon.

01:49:33 20 Q. I want to ask you how you stayed in touch with them
01:49:36 21 before the 2017 trip.

01:49:40 22 A. 2017, email, their email and WeChat.

01:49:48 23 Q. All right. You used some WeChat?

01:49:52 24 A. Yes.

01:49:52 25 Q. All right. Can you turn in your book to Exhibit 87a?

01:49:56 1 A. 87.

01:50:01 2 Q. 87a.

01:50:10 3 A. Sorry. I did not -- is that in the beginning of the

01:50:14 4 book?

01:50:15 5 Q. It's Number 87a.

01:50:17 6 A. Oh, 87. Sorry.

01:50:35 7 I'm there, 87a.

01:50:37 8 Q. All right. Do you recognize these messages?

01:50:40 9 A. Oh, yes. Yes, I can recognize.

01:50:50 10 Q. In green, is that the WeChat handle that you use?

01:50:53 11 A. Yes. That was from Little Zha, Z-H-A.

01:51:04 12 Q. All right. And are these the messages that you had

01:51:07 13 between you and who you thought was Little Zha?

01:51:11 14 A. Yes. And sometime I feel there was switch in point to

01:51:22 15 Mr. Xu, X-U.

01:51:24 16 Q. Okay.

01:51:24 17 A. Yeah, on WeChat, on the same handle.

01:51:31 18 MR. MANGAN: All right. Your Honor, at this point

01:51:32 19 we'd ask to move to admit Exhibit 87a.

01:51:37 20 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

01:51:39 21 THE COURT: Admitted.

01:51:42 22 (Government Exhibit 87a was received in evidence.)

01:51:42 23 MR. MANGAN: May we publish?

01:51:45 24 THE COURT: Yes.

01:51:49 25 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:51:50 1 Q. Mr. Gau, at the top of this where it has the handle in
01:51:54 2 blue, do you see the name YouJun?
01:51:57 3 A. Yes, YouJun, I saw it.
01:52:01 4 Q. Y-O-U-J-U-N?
01:52:04 5 A. Yes, that's correct, Y-O-U-J-U-N.
01:52:09 6 Q. Is that the WeChat handle that you were corresponding
01:52:12 7 with?
01:52:12 8 A. Yes.
01:52:12 9 Q. Okay. And did these chats start after you met with them
01:52:17 10 in 2016?
01:52:22 11 A. Sorry. I did not catch the question exactly.
01:52:26 12 Q. Sure. The first message is, "Teacher Gao, how did your
01:52:31 13 dental surgery go? Is everything okay?"
01:52:35 14 Did you have some dental issues?
01:52:37 15 A. Oh, yes. I had a dental implant 2016.
01:52:43 16 Q. All right. Did you talk to them about that during the
01:52:47 17 2016 trip?
01:52:48 18 A. Yes. I was talking about my -- this -- going through
01:52:55 19 this dental implant in the trip 2016.
01:53:02 20 Q. All right. And when you started these chats, who did you
01:53:07 21 believe you were talking to?
01:53:08 22 A. I'm not clear exactly the switching point. I think at
01:53:16 23 this point talking about the dental implant, I'm sure it's
01:53:23 24 from Mr. Xu, X-U.
01:53:28 25 Q. All right. If we can go down to the bottom of the first

01:53:31 1 page.

01:53:33 2 A. Yes.

01:53:34 3 Q. Do you see a message from you for August 10, 2016?

01:53:41 4 A. Yes, I see it.

01:53:44 5 Q. And it says, "Hello Mr. Zha. I will have to wait for
01:53:48 6 another month to have the second surgery. Hopefully I will
01:53:50 7 have better luck."

01:53:52 8 Do you see that?

01:53:52 9 A. Yes, I see that, at the bottom.

01:53:54 10 Q. So at that time did you believe you were chatting with
01:53:58 11 Zha Rong?

01:54:06 12 A. I feel like maybe Mr. Xu, X-U. I am not exactly
01:54:13 13 clear --

01:54:14 14 Q. Okay.

01:54:15 15 A. -- when the switching point happened.

01:54:18 16 Q. All right. I'm going to move forward to page 8.

01:54:22 17 MR. MANGAN: If we could show the witness page 8?

01:54:26 18 THE COURT: Yes. He has it in front of him.

01:54:29 19 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:54:29 20 Q. I'm sorry. It's at the bottom. And it may be easier on
01:54:34 21 the screen. If that's easier.

01:54:34 22 A. Okay, page 8, yes. I'm there.

01:54:36 23 Q. At the very, very bottom, do you see a message that
01:54:41 24 starts on November 17, 2016? Where you say, "Would you like
01:54:48 25 to come to Cangzhou with me?"

01:54:53 1 A. Cangzhou -- Cangzhou is where my musician friend live.

01:54:59 2 Q. All right.

01:54:59 3 A. At that time, November 16 of '17, there was concert for

01:55:06 4 my friend, for my musical friend.

01:55:11 5 Q. All right. I'd like to turn to the next page to see the

01:55:14 6 response.

01:55:20 7 All right. The response from the WeChat YouJun, does it

01:55:26 8 say, "Did you prepare the materials that I asked you to

01:55:28 9 prepare last time?"

01:55:31 10 Did you see that?

01:55:32 11 A. Yes, I saw that on top.

01:55:34 12 Q. What materials are they talking about?

01:55:38 13 A. I'm not exactly clear what material they talking about.

01:55:51 14 It is any kind of material, but it's not clear to me what

01:55:57 15 kind of material it is.

01:56:00 16 MR. MANGAN: All right. If we could move down the

01:56:01 17 page a little bit.

01:56:04 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

01:56:07 19 MR. MANGAN: A little further, please.

01:56:07 20 BY MR. MANGAN:

01:56:10 21 Q. Do you see where you wrote to them, "I can talk about

01:56:13 22 both specialties"? Do you see that?

01:56:17 23 A. Yes. Yes, I see that.

01:56:21 24 Q. All right. And then did they respond, "Do you have any

01:56:25 25 materials on hand?"

01:56:27 1 "Because you've made the decision abruptly to come back
01:56:31 2 next week. It's kind of tight."
01:56:33 3 "I will try to make arrangement for the exchange."
01:56:44 4 A. Yes, I saw that.
01:56:45 5 Q. At that time were you trying to go back to China in late
01:56:48 6 2016?
01:56:49 7 A. Yes, November 17, 'cause I try to book a flight to see
01:56:56 8 my friend's concert, to attend their concert at Cangzhou,
01:57:03 9 but I cancel it because the snowstorm.
01:57:07 10 Q. All right. Let's turn to the -- let's continue on with
01:57:13 11 this discussion. The next statement from them was, "It would
01:57:18 12 be better if you had some materials on hand."
01:57:22 13 Let's go to the next page, page 10, please.
01:57:25 14 A. Yes, I saw that.
01:57:27 15 Q. So what did you say at the top of page 10?
01:57:33 16 A. I say, "I can talk about both specialties." That
01:57:39 17 means --
01:57:39 18 Q. I think we are on the wrong page. You can look on the
01:57:44 19 screen. Do you see the top of page 10?
01:57:50 20 A. Okay. Sorry.
01:57:56 21 Q. Where it starts with, "It is in a rush"?
01:57:59 22 A. Page number 10. I'm there.
01:58:05 23 That's a -- "There is restriction."
01:58:08 24 Q. You responded, "There is restriction"?
01:58:11 25 A. Right. I mean, that's a restriction for technical

01:58:19 1 report. I only can provide this public material, or it is
01:58:27 2 literature.

01:58:28 3 Q. Are you talking about --

01:58:30 4 A. From --

01:58:32 5 Q. I'm sorry. Are you talking about Honeywell restrictions?

01:58:35 6 A. I'm talking about in general there are restriction for
01:58:40 7 technical information. I mean like proprietary is limited.

01:58:49 8 That's different level of restriction. I mean, the
01:58:53 9 first one would be strictly limited, like classified
01:58:57 10 material. Nobody can allow to be seen. The second level is
01:59:02 11 only distributed to limited authority. Only you have
01:59:08 12 approval, you can see the material.

01:59:12 13 And there material distributed publicly to anybody,
01:59:20 14 that is publish or it is public literature.

01:59:25 15 Q. All right. So are these the -- these are the
01:59:28 16 restrictions you're talking about in the chat? When you said,
01:59:35 17 "There is restriction"?

01:59:36 18 A. I did not catch your question. Sorry.

01:59:41 19 Q. All right. Well, let's go back to the chat, okay?

01:59:44 20 A. Yes.

01:59:44 21 Q. You said, "There is restriction."
01:59:46 22 Do you see that?

01:59:47 23 A. Yes, I saw.

01:59:48 24 Q. And then what is the response from the other side?

01:59:52 25 A. "Just try to bring some."

01:59:57 1 Q. All right. If we can scan down a little bit.

02:00:00 2 A. Sure.

02:00:00 3 Q. What did you then write?

02:00:02 4 A. I said it's too technical.

02:00:07 5 And "Taihang," that's a Chinese-made engine. It's

02:00:15 6 called Taihang.

02:00:19 7 "What do you mean?" It is the message made.

02:00:23 8 This is China-made engine. I read it on magazines.

02:00:28 9 Q. And then they responded, "Any materials would work"?

02:00:31 10 A. They respond, "Any material would work."

02:00:40 11 Q. All right. Did you understand that they were asking you

02:00:42 12 to bring materials over from the United States?

02:00:44 13 A. I understand that, but I don't know specifically what

02:00:51 14 kind of material. Is any material is fine. Like material,

02:00:58 15 material, material or information, information, information.

02:01:03 16 But it's not really specific what kind of information.

02:01:12 17 MR. MANGAN: All right. Let's go to the next page,

02:01:17 18 page 11 at the bottom.

02:01:19 19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I'm there.

02:01:20 20 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:01:20 21 Q. Do you see where --

02:01:23 22 MR. MANGAN: Further down, please. Thank you.

02:01:23 23 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:01:25 24 Q. Do you see where it says, "You can also call my coworker

02:01:33 25 Little Xu," and then there's a phone number? It's at the

02:01:39 1 bottom of page 11.

02:01:41 2 A. Yes, I saw that. "You can also call my coworker,

02:01:46 3 Little Xu."

02:01:47 4 Q. All right. And is that the person that you had met

02:01:49 5 previously?

02:01:50 6 A. Yes, the first time.

02:01:55 7 Q. All right.

02:01:55 8 A. Along with Little Zha, the 2016 trip, March.

02:02:02 9 Q. All right. Did you end up cancelling the trip in 2016,

02:02:08 10 or at least after these messages? You didn't go in 2016, did

02:02:14 11 you?

02:02:14 12 A. You mean November 17?

02:02:17 13 Q. In November, yes.

02:02:18 14 A. November 17 I cancel, cancel that trip on the day

02:02:25 15 because my friend, musical friend told me there's a severe

02:02:31 16 wind storm. It's too cold for me to handle the cold weather

02:02:35 17 there. So I cancel the trip, did not go to Cangzhou to see

02:02:46 18 my friend.

02:02:48 19 Q. Okay. After you cancelled the trip, did you continue to

02:02:52 20 send WeChats with them?

02:02:54 21 A. Yes.

02:02:56 22 Q. Can you --

02:02:58 23 A. There's a WeChat.

02:02:59 24 Q. Can you turn to Exhibit 87b? Eight-seven-b.

02:03:09 25 A. I'm there. 87b.

02:03:13 1 Q. Do you recognize these WeChats?

02:03:14 2 A. Oh, yes. Yes, I recognize it.

02:03:19 3 Q. And are these also between -- chats between you and the
02:03:25 4 handle YouJun?

02:03:33 5 A. That's from YouJun, right, Y-O-U-J-U-N. Yes, that I
02:03:41 6 recognize.

02:03:42 7 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit
02:03:45 8 87b.

02:03:46 9 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

02:03:47 10 THE COURT: It's admitted.

02:03:49 11 (Government Exhibit 87b was received in evidence.)

02:03:49 12 MR. MANGAN: May we publish 87b, page 1?

02:03:52 13 THE COURT: Yes.

02:03:58 14 THE WITNESS: Yes, I'm there, 87b.

02:03:58 15 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:04:00 16 Q. All right. We're going to look at the message dated at
02:04:05 17 the top, please, January 5, 2017. Do you see a message where
02:04:10 18 it says, "Teacher Gau, how do you feel about coming back for
02:04:15 19 an exchange after the Spring Festival, when it's warmer?"

02:04:20 20 Do you see that?

02:04:23 21 A. Not yet. Sorry. I missed a page. 87b, Number 1?

02:04:30 22 Q. 87b, page 1.

02:04:30 23 A. Page 1.

02:04:33 24 Q. It's also on the screen if you want to look at the
02:04:36 25 screen.

02:04:39 1 A. In the middle, there's a message, "Will you be able to
02:04:45 2 make the trip, Teacher Gau?"
02:04:48 3 That's me.
02:04:50 4 Q. Yes, okay. Just above that did they invite you to come
02:04:53 5 back for an exchange?
02:04:54 6 A. Yes. They say, "Thank you. In the beginning of a new
02:04:58 7 year, I wish you good luck, health, and peace."
02:05:03 8 Q. All right. We're going to turn to page 2.
02:05:12 9 A. Okay. I'm there, page number 2.
02:05:16 10 Q. And we're looking at the very top of it in blue. Do you
02:05:19 11 see that?
02:05:20 12 A. Yes.
02:05:20 13 Q. All right.
02:05:22 14 A. It say, "Teacher Gau, in the future, Little Wang from
02:05:27 15 our association will be specifically in charge of your
02:05:32 16 exchange in China. Let me send you her WeChat contact."
02:05:41 17 Q. All right. And then the contact below it, does it have
02:05:45 18 the name Mujin, M-U-J-I-N?
02:05:53 19 A. Yes, M-U-J-I-N. The other user ID.
02:06:00 20 Q. All right.
02:06:01 21 A. On the WeChat, right.
02:06:03 22 Q. And who was Mujin?
02:06:06 23 A. Mujin, as far as, she is a girl to graduate, a new
02:06:15 24 graduate, and is working with Mr. Xu, X-U, for my -- this
02:06:22 25 exchange trip to China. So she made all the arrangement

02:06:30 1 during the liaison, making connection between me and setting
02:06:37 2 up the trip in 2017.

02:06:40 3 Q. Was this the trip in October of 2017?

02:06:44 4 A. Yes, that's correct. October 12, I think. That's the
02:06:49 5 day I took the trip.

02:06:50 6 Q. And did you know her by the name Mujin or by Little Wang?

02:06:55 7 A. I know her by the name Mujin. It's more familiar, the
02:07:05 8 name Mujin.

02:07:06 9 Q. And did you exchange emails with Mujin?

02:07:08 10 A. Yes, I sent her the ticket, the returning ticket, the
02:07:20 11 receipt for return trip for 2017.

02:07:22 12 Q. You sent her the ticket and the receipt?

02:07:25 13 A. Yes, it's electronic ticket. And I forward to her.

02:07:30 14 Q. Okay. Were you supposed to prepare a presentation for
02:07:33 15 that trip?

02:07:34 16 A. The full topic send for Mujin on the WeChat. They have
02:07:45 17 listed us four topics on my WeChat.

02:07:50 18 Q. So she listed four topics for you?

02:07:52 19 A. Yes. Those are presentation topic, and I followed the
02:07:59 20 topics to prepare for my PowerPoint file for presentation.

02:08:07 21 Q. All right.

02:08:08 22 THE COURT: Is this a decent breaking point?

02:08:11 23 MR. MANGAN: Sure, Your Honor.

02:08:13 24 THE COURT: We're going to take a 20 -minute break.

02:08:15 25 During the break, take a break, jurors. You're doing great

02:08:19 1 work. Don't discuss the case with anyone or among yourselves.

02:08:21 2 No independent research. Continue to keep an open mind.

02:08:24 3 We'll rise as you leave.

02:08:27 4 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

02:08:31 5 (Jury out at 2:08 p.m.)

02:08:58 6 THE COURT: 20-minute break. See you then.

02:09:07 7 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: This court is in recess for

02:09:09 8 20 minutes.

02:09:10 9 (Recess from 2:09 p.m. until 2:28 p.m.)

02:28:24 10 THE COURT: We ready to proceed from the

02:28:26 11 government's perspective?

02:28:27 12 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor.

02:28:27 13 THE COURT: Defense as well? Is the defense ready

02:28:30 14 to proceed?

02:28:31 15 MR. MIEDEL: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.

02:28:33 16 THE COURT: Very well. Thank you, Mr. Miedel.

02:28:36 17 Let's get the jury.

02:30:00 18 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

02:30:02 19 (Jury in at 2:30 p.m.)

02:30:34 20 THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you.

02:30:37 21 15 members of the jury have returned after a break.

02:30:42 22 Welcome back.

02:30:42 23 We'll continue to hear testimony. The witness remains

02:30:46 24 under oath.

02:30:47 25 Mr. Mangan, you can proceed.

02:30:50 1 MR. MANGAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

02:30:52 2 THE COURT: Very well.

02:30:53 3 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:30:53 4 Q. Mr. Gau, I believe we were talking about the arrangements

02:30:57 5 you were making for your October 2017 trip. Do you recall

02:31:03 6 that?

02:31:03 7 A. Yes.

02:31:04 8 Q. All right. And you were communicating by email with a

02:31:08 9 woman. What was her name?

02:31:10 10 A. Mujin, M-U-J-I-N.

02:31:17 11 Q. Thank you.

02:31:18 12 A. Or Mrs. Wang.

02:31:20 13 Q. Or Mrs. Wang.

02:31:22 14 I'm going to have you take a look at some exhibits in the

02:31:26 15 book. Can you turn to Exhibit 85, please.

02:31:54 16 A. I'm there, 85.

02:31:56 17 Q. Great. Do you recognize these emails?

02:32:00 18 A. Yes, I recognize the email.

02:32:03 19 Q. And are you one of the individuals on the emails?

02:32:06 20 A. Is a email from me to Mujin.

02:32:17 21 Q. All right.

02:32:18 22 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit

02:32:20 23 85.

02:32:21 24 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

02:32:22 25 THE COURT: It's admitted.

02:32:27 1 (Government Exhibit 85 was received in evidence.)

02:32:27 2 MR. MANGAN: May we publish Exhibit 85?

02:32:30 3 THE COURT: Yes.

02:32:34 4 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:32:34 5 Q. In the first email, is this when you sent the ticket

02:32:38 6 receipt to Mujin?

02:32:39 7 A. Yes. It is -- it is email to Mujin.

02:32:49 8 Q. All right. Then I'd like to turn to page -- one moment.

02:32:57 9 Can you turn to page 5, please.

02:33:07 10 A. Yes, I'm there.

02:33:09 11 Q. Did you email presentation slides to Mujin?

02:33:13 12 A. Yes.

02:33:15 13 Q. All right. How many different presentation documents did

02:33:19 14 you send her?

02:33:20 15 A. There were seven files, is pdf files.

02:33:26 16 Q. And did these files pertain to topics like ECU control?

02:33:33 17 A. Yes.

02:33:36 18 Q. And what is ECU control?

02:33:38 19 A. ECU stand for electronic control unit.

02:33:45 20 Q. All right. Electronic control unit.

02:33:47 21 A. Yes.

02:33:51 22 Q. All right. And did you also send her presentations

02:33:54 23 regarding something called FADEC controls?

02:33:57 24 A. Yes.

02:34:00 25 Q. And what does FADEC stand for?

02:34:03 1 A. The FADEC stand for full authority electric --
02:34:09 2 electronic control unit.

02:34:13 3 Q. All right. And is that something used in aviation
02:34:15 4 electronics?

02:34:16 5 A. Yes.

02:34:18 6 Q. All right. Now, I'd like to ask you about the trip.
02:34:22 7 Where did you go on your trip in October 2017?

02:34:27 8 A. Sure.

02:34:30 9 Q. What city did you go to?

02:34:32 10 A. Sorry. I did not catch that question.

02:34:38 11 Q. Sure. In October 2017, what city in China did you visit?

02:34:42 12 A. Nanjing.

02:34:45 13 Q. All right. And who did you meet in Nanjing?

02:34:49 14 A. I met Mr. Xu, X-U, and W-H, that's Mujin, Ms. Wang, and
02:35:02 15 also there's a Secretary Cai. It's C-A-I, last name. And
02:35:12 16 also the three engineers.

02:35:15 17 Q. All right. So just to make sure I heard it, you met with
02:35:20 18 Ms. Mujin?

02:35:21 19 A. Yes.

02:35:22 20 Q. Mr. Xu, X-U?

02:35:26 21 A. Xu, yes.

02:35:28 22 Q. And someone called Secretary Cai?

02:35:31 23 A. Yes.

02:35:31 24 Q. Spelled C-A-I?

02:35:33 25 A. Yes. And then three engineers.

02:35:39 1 Q. And three engineers, okay. And did you give a
02:35:41 2 presentation to the engineers?

02:35:42 3 A. Yes, I give presentation to them in a hotel room.

02:35:52 4 Q. All right. In addition to the presentation, where else
02:35:56 5 did you go on your trip?

02:35:58 6 A. I have two days sight-seeing trip in West Lake City.
02:36:08 7 It's a wetland, natural park, is a scenic resort place. I
02:36:17 8 spent two days there. Actually two and a half days, taking
02:36:24 9 this train to get there and back.

02:36:26 10 And I also took a trip to see my musical friend in
02:36:37 11 Cangzhou, and that was a day.

02:36:38 12 Q. Who went with you on the sight-seeing trip?

02:36:43 13 A. Okay. This Mujin, okay, and also the Secretary Cia.
02:36:50 14 That's C-A-I.

02:36:52 15 MR. MANGAN: I'm going to ask that the witness be
02:36:54 16 shown Exhibit 82 on the screen.

02:36:57 17 THE COURT: Yes.

02:37:03 18 THE WITNESS: Okay. Now I got it on the screen.

02:37:04 19 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:37:05 20 Q. Great. Do you recognize this?

02:37:07 21 A. Yes, I can recognize.

02:37:09 22 Q. What is this?

02:37:11 23 A. Okay, the one on the right --

02:37:14 24 Q. Well, is --

02:37:16 25 A. -- is myself.

02:37:17 1 Q. Is this a picture?

02:37:18 2 A. Yes, that's a photo I took on the wetland entrance to
02:37:26 3 this park, national park.

02:37:29 4 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit
02:37:31 5 82.

02:37:32 6 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

02:37:33 7 THE COURT: Admitted.

02:37:36 8 (Government Exhibit 82 was received in evidence.)

02:37:36 9 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:37:36 10 Q. All right. Looking at the picture on the screen,
02:37:41 11 Mr. Gau, can you describe who the three people are?

02:37:46 12 THE COURT: Do you want the jury to see it?

02:37:48 13 MR. MANGAN: I'm sorry, yes. Could you publish it,
02:37:51 14 Your Honor?

02:37:52 15 THE COURT: Please.

02:37:54 16 MR. MANGAN: Thank you.

02:37:55 17 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:37:56 18 Q. Do you see the picture on the screen?

02:37:58 19 A. Yes, I saw it.

02:37:59 20 Q. All right. Who is the taller gentleman on the left?

02:38:03 21 A. It's the Secretary Cai, C-A-I.

02:38:09 22 Q. Okay. And who is the person in the middle?

02:38:11 23 A. It's Mujin.

02:38:13 24 Q. That's Mujin?

02:38:15 25 A. Also known as Wang, W-H.

02:38:23 1 Q. And then are you in the picture as well?

02:38:25 2 A. And the one on the right is next to Mujin, that's

02:38:30 3 myself.

02:38:32 4 Q. Okay. And this was during your sight-seeing trip?

02:38:36 5 A. Yes.

02:38:37 6 Q. All right. Thank you. I'd like to go back to your

02:38:42 7 presentation that was in the hotel, okay?

02:38:44 8 A. Yes.

02:38:45 9 Q. What was -- do you remember the date of that

02:38:47 10 presentation?

02:38:48 11 A. I think it's October 13. It's a Friday. I remember it

02:38:57 12 Friday, late afternoon.

02:38:58 13 Q. In October 2017?

02:39:00 14 A. 2017, yes, that's correct.

02:39:02 15 Q. All right. And you said you were in a hotel, correct?

02:39:09 16 A. Yes.

02:39:09 17 Q. Who was in the room during your presentation?

02:39:13 18 A. Mr. Xu, Mujin, and also the Secretary Cai and three

02:39:25 19 other engineers.

02:39:27 20 Q. All right. And during your presentation, did you discuss

02:39:31 21 the slides that you had sent to Mujin?

02:39:34 22 A. Yes, I showed the slide on a projection to the screen.

02:39:48 23 Q. And did you talk about ECU controls and FADEC?

02:39:51 24 A. I talk about some of the topics related to FADEC, like

02:40:01 25 how the box looks like, the circuitry, the redundancy

02:40:09 1 features, and then some of the concept of the controls.

02:40:16 2 Q. At the time, were you aware that the meeting might be
02:40:19 3 recorded?

02:40:21 4 A. No, I don't have idea it was recorded. I had no clue
02:40:27 5 it was record.

02:40:29 6 Q. Have you since heard a recording of the meeting?

02:40:32 7 A. Yes, later.

02:40:35 8 Q. And did the FBI play that recording for you?

02:40:37 9 A. Only very small, small part of it. Only one segment is
02:40:44 10 all.

02:40:44 11 Q. But have you since heard the entire recording?

02:40:47 12 A. Yes.

02:40:51 13 Q. All right. And have you reviewed a transcript of that
02:40:53 14 recording?

02:40:53 15 A. Yes, I review them entire.

02:40:57 16 Q. Looking at Exhibit 86a in your binder, if you could turn
02:41:04 17 to that.

02:41:16 18 A. Yes, I'm there.

02:41:17 19 Q. All right. Is that the transcript you reviewed of the
02:41:19 20 meeting?

02:41:19 21 A. Yes.

02:41:21 22 Q. All right. And is this -- was this a recording of your
02:41:25 23 actual presentation in China?

02:41:28 24 A. Yes, that's correct.

02:41:31 25 Q. And then at some point did you leave the meeting?

02:41:35 1 A. At the end of my talk, then I left the room. I went
02:41:40 2 back to hotel, hotel room.

02:41:44 3 Q. All right. When you listened, did they continue to talk
02:41:48 4 after you left?

02:41:49 5 A. They stay, apparently have some conversation themself.

02:41:58 6 Q. Did you --

02:41:59 7 A. Still in the room I left.

02:42:01 8 Q. And did you hear that additional conversation on the
02:42:03 9 recording?

02:42:04 10 A. Yes, on recording, yes.

02:42:07 11 Q. And it's in the transcript as well?

02:42:09 12 A. Yes, I saw the transcript. I review them.

02:42:13 13 Q. And did you also see the transcript of some phone calls
02:42:16 14 that were made at the end?

02:42:19 15 A. Yes.

02:42:20 16 Q. All right. And did you hear Mr. Xu talking during that
02:42:26 17 meeting after you left? X-U?

02:42:33 18 A. Sorry. I did not catch exactly.

02:42:35 19 Q. On the recording after you left, did you hear Mr. Xu
02:42:38 20 speaking to the other engineers?

02:42:40 21 A. Yes.

02:42:43 22 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, objection. I am just going
02:42:45 23 to ask Mr. Mangan to not lead.

02:42:51 24 MR. MANGAN: I'm doing my best.

02:42:55 25 THE COURT: Don't lead.

02:42:56 1 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor.

02:42:58 2 If we could take a look at 86d. This is already

02:43:03 3 admitted, Your Honor. May we publish page 4?

02:43:06 4 THE COURT: 86d?

02:43:08 5 MR. MANGAN: 86d as in "dog," page 4, please.

02:43:11 6 THE WITNESS: I'm there.

02:43:19 7 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:43:21 8 Q. All right. Mr. Gau, I'm going to read this part of the
02:43:24 9 transcript from the phone call, and then I have a few
02:43:27 10 questions for you, okay?

02:43:28 11 A. Sure.

02:43:30 12 Q. All right. So just read along with me.

02:43:35 13 "Hi, Chai Meng. Hey, another question. Today you, how
02:43:40 14 come you -- I saw that when you introduced yourself from the
02:43:43 15 Foreign Affairs Office of Nanjing University of Aeronautics
02:43:47 16 and Astronautics, didn't we decide that you would use title
02:43:52 17 from the Science and Technology Promotion Association? Er,
02:43:55 18 how about this? Let's say because -- because when I started
02:43:59 19 the first day, I, not the first day -- yesterday I told him
02:44:05 20 our association's deputy secretary, Secretary Cai, may
02:44:10 21 accompany your group in going. Let's do it this way. You
02:44:15 22 just say -- you just say -- you just say that you have a title
02:44:19 23 at Foreign Affairs Office of Nanjing University of Aeronautics
02:44:25 24 and Astronautics, or something like that. Just be ambiguous
02:44:28 25 through it. Just explain it briefly tomorrow to him. And

02:44:31 1 then, um-hmm, okay, okay. Your main identity is still our
02:44:38 2 association's deputy secretary. Otherwise, to host him under
02:44:41 3 the title from Nanjing University of Aeronautics and
02:44:45 4 Astronautics does not sound right. Um-hmm, um-hmm, right,
02:44:51 5 right, right. Doesn't matter. After all, he's not too
02:44:54 6 sensitive about this aspect. Okay."

02:44:59 7 Do you see what I just read there?

02:45:05 8 A. Yes.

02:45:06 9 MR. MANGAN: If we can move it back to the message.

02:45:06 10 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:45:08 11 Q. When it refers to -- you see the name Secretary Cai,
02:45:12 12 C-A-I?

02:45:13 13 A. Yes.

02:45:13 14 Q. Were you introduced to someone called Secretary Cai while
02:45:17 15 you were there?

02:45:17 16 A. Yes, at the end of presentation, when it was recommend
02:45:26 17 by Mr. Xu to take this sight-seeing trip for the weekend,
02:45:34 18 and he called this tall guy in the picture, Secretary Cai,
02:45:44 19 C-A-I.

02:45:45 20 Q. And that was the tall guy we saw in the picture?

02:45:48 21 A. Yes.

02:45:48 22 Q. In Exhibit 82?

02:45:50 23 A. Yes.

02:45:53 24 Q. At the top of this message, he says, "Hi, Chai Meng."

02:45:59 25 Did you ever hear Mr. Xu call him Chai Meng?

02:46:04 1 A. No. I did not have chance to hear that, no.

02:46:08 2 Q. What did Mr. Xu call the gentleman, the tall gentleman?

02:46:13 3 A. I call him -- I cannot remember what I call him. I

02:46:22 4 never call him actually. I mean, it's a long -- a long --

02:46:29 5 on this sight-seeing trip.

02:46:32 6 Q. Okay.

02:46:33 7 A. And his helping Mujin taking care of the trip, like

02:46:37 8 setting up the meal, the show, looking at the show, the

02:46:44 9 ticket to the park, but I never call him, what's the title

02:46:51 10 or whatever.

02:46:52 11 Q. All right. What name was he introduced to you as?

02:46:56 12 A. As Mandarin.

02:46:58 13 Q. What name did Mr. Xu introduce the tall man to you as?

02:47:04 14 A. My first impression, he was from --

02:47:10 15 Q. I --

02:47:11 16 A. The Foreign Affairs Office, Nanjing University of

02:47:15 17 Aeronautics and Astronautics, when he self introduce

02:47:22 18 himself. And that's my first impression. He was with this

02:47:26 19 Foreign Affairs Office.

02:47:29 20 And then later, during the presentation, at the end of

02:47:34 21 presentation, and I heard he was call Mr. Secretary Cai, and

02:47:41 22 that's the point I realize he is Secretary Cai. But I never

02:47:51 23 ask his full name.

02:47:54 24 Q. Okay. I have a couple more questions about this trip,

02:47:59 25 all right?

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02:48:00 1 A. Sure.

02:48:00 2 Q. Who set up your hotel reservation?

02:48:04 3 A. Reservation is all by this Mujin.

02:48:10 4 Q. Mujin?

02:48:15 5 A. Yeah, Mujin.

02:48:15 6 Q. Did Mr. Xu, X-U, ever come to your hotel room?

02:48:22 7 A. Yes. Yes, he came to my hotel room.

02:48:24 8 Q. More than one time?

02:48:25 9 A. I think a couple times, yes. I could not remember

02:48:31 10 exactly. But I think couple times.

02:48:36 11 Q. Who paid for your trip to China?

02:48:39 12 A. Mr. Xu. I think he paid -- paid airfare first. And

02:48:50 13 then last day, very last day there was envelope for

02:48:56 14 presentation.

02:48:58 15 Q. All right. Was there -- so was there an initial payment

02:49:01 16 for the airfare?

02:49:03 17 A. Yes.

02:49:05 18 Q. And how much was that?

02:49:06 19 A. It's 1,200 for airfare.

02:49:10 20 Q. And who gave you \$1,200?

02:49:13 21 A. I think Mr. Xu, because that's the only person that

02:49:23 22 came to my room. I cannot remember exactly actually. This

02:49:29 23 Mujin could mention about airfare, and then left envelope in

02:49:36 24 my hotel room for airfare. My business, handle all the

02:49:48 25 travel, all the sight-seeing and airfare, hotel, and this

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02:49:53 1 schedule for the trip, it was handled by Mujin.

02:49:59 2 Q. Okay. Was there a second payment in addition to the

02:50:04 3 airfare?

02:50:04 4 A. Yes. That's -- that's for the presentation.

02:50:08 5 Q. How much was that --

02:50:09 6 A. \$5,000 I receive in an envelope.

02:50:16 7 Q. I'm sorry. I spoke over you. How much were you paid?

02:50:20 8 A. 5,000 U.S. dollars.

02:50:30 9 Q. \$5,000?

02:50:31 10 A. Yes.

02:50:31 11 Q. Okay. During this trip, did you bring your Honeywell

02:50:34 12 laptop with you?

02:50:34 13 A. No, never.

02:50:36 14 Q. Okay. After you returned from --

02:50:42 15 MR. MANGAN: And we can take the exhibit down. I'm

02:50:44 16 sorry.

02:50:44 17 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:50:44 18 Q. After you returned from the October 2017 trip, did you

02:50:49 19 continue to communicate with Mujin?

02:50:51 20 A. Yes, from Mujin on WeChat.

02:50:56 21 Q. Can you take a look at Exhibit 89?

02:51:23 22 A. Excuse me. 89?

02:51:26 23 Q. Yes.

02:51:27 24 A. I see 88.

02:51:28 25 Q. 89.

02:51:34 1 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, the binder may stop at 88.
02:51:36 2 May I check?
02:51:37 3 THE COURT: Yes.
02:51:51 4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
02:51:52 5 THE COURT: What did you hand the witness?
02:51:54 6 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I handed the witness a copy
02:51:57 7 of Exhibit 89.
02:51:58 8 THE COURT: Very well. Thank you.
02:52:01 9 BY MR. MANGAN:
02:52:02 10 Q. Do you have Exhibit 89, Mr. Gau?
02:52:04 11 A. Yes, I have 89.
02:52:06 12 Q. Can you take a look through it?
02:52:35 13 A. Yes, I'm there.
02:52:36 14 Q. Do you recognize it, sir?
02:52:38 15 A. Yes, sir.
02:52:39 16 Q. Can you explain what it is?
02:52:41 17 A. It is a six topic actually related to this engine
02:52:49 18 controls. It's a turboshaft engine.
02:52:55 19 Q. I don't want you to read through it all at this point.
02:52:58 20 A. Sure.
02:52:58 21 Q. Did someone send this to you?
02:53:00 22 A. Mujin on a WeChat.
02:53:04 23 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we --
02:53:06 24 THE WITNESS: After I return from this 2017 -- 2017
02:53:10 25 trip.

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02:53:12 1 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:53:12 2 Q. Thank you.

02:53:12 3 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, we'd move to admit Exhibit
02:53:15 4 89.

02:53:15 5 THE COURT: Any objection?

02:53:16 6 MR. MIEDEL: No objection.

02:53:17 7 THE COURT: It's admitted.

02:53:18 8 (Government Exhibit 89 was received in evidence.)

02:53:18 9 MR. MANGAN: May we publish?

02:53:20 10 THE COURT: Yes.

02:53:25 11 BY MR. MANGAN:

02:53:26 12 Q. So, Mr. Gau, after you returned, did you receive this
02:53:29 13 list from Mujin?

02:53:31 14 A. Yes, that's correct.

02:53:33 15 Q. All right. And did you continue to have communications
02:53:37 16 with her?

02:53:37 17 A. Yes, on the WeChat.

02:53:42 18 Q. All right. And did you discuss possibly going back to
02:53:46 19 China again in 2018?

02:53:48 20 A. Yes, likely invite me back for a future visit.

02:54:00 21 Q. And did you understand they wanted some of this
02:54:05 22 information in the list?

02:54:08 23 A. Yes, but I did not do any work for it.

02:54:16 24 Q. All right. You didn't actually compile the information
02:54:19 25 they asked for?

02:54:20 1 A. No, I did not send them any information about this
02:54:28 2 topics.
02:54:30 3 Q. All right. Let me ask you, shortly after this, in April
02:54:39 4 1, 2018, were you aware of the defendant, Xu Yanjun, being
02:54:55 5 arrested?
02:54:55 6 A. No, I did not have any idea.
02:54:57 7 Q. Later on that year, in September of 2018, did the FBI
02:55:01 8 execute a search warrant at your house?
02:55:02 9 A. Yes.
02:55:05 10 Q. All right. And were you interviewed at that time?
02:55:07 11 A. Yes, I was inform. He was extradite to U.S.A.
02:55:15 12 Q. Well, I am talking about the investigation into you now.
02:55:17 13 Did the FBI begin investigating you in Arizona?
02:55:21 14 A. Yes.
02:55:25 15 Q. And did the FBI interview you?
02:55:27 16 A. Yes, quite a few times.
02:55:28 17 Q. A number of times, correct?
02:55:29 18 A. Yes.
02:55:30 19 Q. And did you have counsel appointed for you?
02:55:34 20 A. No, no. I don't have attorney with me at that time,
02:55:41 21 no.
02:55:41 22 Q. Did you eventually get an attorney? Later on did you get
02:55:49 23 an attorney?
02:55:49 24 A. Later on, yes.
02:55:50 25 Q. Okay. And did that investigation pertain to your October

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02:55:57 1 2017 presentation in China?

02:56:00 2 A. Yes.

02:56:02 3 Q. Did it relate to those documents that you emailed to
02:56:06 4 Mujin?

02:56:07 5 A. Yes.

02:56:08 6 Q. And at the time, were you working on export control
02:56:16 7 projects at Honeywell?

02:56:17 8 A. I did not catch your question exactly. Sorry.

02:56:25 9 Q. In 2018, were you still working at Honeywell?

02:56:29 10 A. Oh, yes.

02:56:30 11 Q. Okay. Regarding the information you emailed to Mujin,
02:56:36 12 was some of that information export controlled by the United
02:56:42 13 States?

02:56:42 14 A. The 2017?

02:56:44 15 Q. Yes.

02:56:44 16 A. Yes.

02:56:45 17 Q. All right. You mentioned that you were charged with a
02:56:49 18 crime. Did you plead guilty?

02:56:52 19 A. Yes, I plead guilty.

02:56:55 20 Q. All right. As part of that plea, did you enter into an
02:57:00 21 agreement with the United States out in Arizona?

02:57:03 22 A. I'm just here to tell the truth.

02:57:09 23 Q. Okay.

02:57:09 24 A. I don't know.

02:57:11 25 Q. Did you sign a plea agreement?

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02:57:13 1 A. Yes. Yes, I sign agreement.

02:57:16 2 Q. And in that agreement, did it say that you needed to tell

02:57:21 3 the truth?

02:57:22 4 A. Yes.

02:57:23 5 Q. Okay. And is there an agreement that you would be

02:57:28 6 sentenced at the low end of the guidelines if you were

02:57:31 7 cooperative? Do you recall that?

02:57:38 8 A. I recall this, no benefit or no promise ever written.

02:57:45 9 It's just here to tell the truth.

02:57:48 10 Q. All right.

02:57:48 11 A. For what I know.

02:57:50 12 Q. You have not been sentenced yet; is that correct?

02:57:54 13 A. No.

02:57:54 14 Q. Okay. Did you tell Honeywell about meeting Zha Rong and

02:58:08 15 Mr. Xu in 2016 in China?

02:58:10 16 A. No.

02:58:12 17 Q. Did you tell your company about your trip to China in

02:58:17 18 2017 to meet them?

02:58:18 19 A. No.

02:58:20 20 Q. And did you tell Honeywell that you were paid by those

02:58:23 21 individuals for those trips?

02:58:26 22 A. The first trip, very first trip, 1997, yes.

02:58:32 23 Q. All right. How about the trips in 2016 and 2017?

02:58:37 24 A. No.

02:58:37 25 Q. For those trips, you didn't tell Honeywell you were paid

02:58:42 1 by these other individuals?

02:58:43 2 A. No.

02:58:45 3 Q. And when were you terminated by Honeywell?

02:58:48 4 A. Yes, it's January 10, 2017. Sorry. January 10, 2019,
02:59:00 5 that's my last day at work officially.

02:59:05 6 MR. MANGAN: No further questions, Your Honor.

02:59:07 7 THE COURT: Very well. That neatly coincides with
02:59:12 8 our appointed break. It's 3 o'clock. We're going to break
02:59:15 9 for 20 minutes.

02:59:16 10 During the break, enjoy the break, jurors. Don't discuss
02:59:20 11 the case among yourselves or with anyone else. No independent
02:59:22 12 research. Continue to keep an open mind.

02:59:25 13 We'll rise as you leave for a 20-minute break.

02:59:28 14 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

02:59:29 15 (Jury out at 2:59 p.m.)

03:00:06 16 THE COURT: The jury's left the room. We're going
03:00:10 17 to recess for 20 minutes. See you at that time. We're in
03:00:14 18 recess.

03:00:15 19 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: The court is now in recess
03:00:18 20 for 20 minutes.

03:00:19 21 (Recess from 3:00 p.m. until 3:21 p.m.)

03:21:37 22 THE COURT: We're back in the open courtroom on the
03:21:41 23 record outside the presence of the jury.

03:21:42 24 I want to memorialize something on the record. I
03:21:48 25 understand that defendant's retained translator, Ms. Harmon,

03:21:55 1 with her client's consent, has agreed to become the second
03:22:00 2 court reporter -- translator for the court in order to spell
03:22:09 3 Ms. Murphy on occasion. I want to make sure that that is the
03:22:15 4 agreement. The Court will pay Ms. Harmon the standard rate.

03:22:22 5 Is that the agreement? I need a lawyer for the defense
03:22:25 6 to confirm.

03:22:27 7 MR. MIEDEL: Yes, Your Honor.

03:22:28 8 THE COURT: And does Mr. Xu agree?

03:22:32 9 THE DEFENDANT: (In English) yes.

03:22:32 10 THE COURT: Very well. We'll proceed in that way.

03:22:36 11 Ms. Harmon, thank you.

03:22:39 12 Are we ready to get the jury from the government's
03:22:42 13 perspective?

03:22:43 14 MR. MANGAN: Yes, Your Honor.

03:22:44 15 THE COURT: And the defense?

03:22:46 16 MR. MIEDEL: Yes, Your Honor.

03:22:47 17 THE COURT: Let's call for the jury.

03:23:17 18 Who is interpreting this next portion?

03:23:21 19 THE INTERPRETER: Mae Harmon.

03:23:25 20 THE COURT: Very well. And the agreement is that
03:23:39 21 Ms. Harmon will do this through the conclusion of trial; is
03:23:42 22 that right, Ms. Harmon?

03:23:45 23 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, that's correct.

03:23:46 24 THE COURT: And Mr. Xu understands that, counsel?

03:23:49 25 MR. MIEDEL: Yes.

03:23:49 1 THE COURT: Can I get a yes from Mr. Xu?

03:23:52 2 THE DEFENDANT: (In English) yes.

03:23:53 3 THE COURT: Thank you.

03:24:08 4 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

03:24:09 5 (Jury in at 3:24 p.m.)

03:24:44 6 THE COURT: You may all be seated. Thank you.

03:24:47 7 The jurors have -- all 15 have rejoined us after a break.

03:24:51 8 Welcome back.

03:24:52 9 We will continue to hear testimony. We're now at

03:24:59 10 cross-examination. The lawyer for the defendant gets a chance

03:25:03 11 to ask questions.

03:25:05 12 Counsel, you may proceed.

03:25:07 13 MR. MIEDEL: Thank you, Your Honor.

03:25:08 14 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

03:25:08 15 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:25:09 16 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Gau.

03:25:12 17 A. Good afternoon.

03:25:12 18 Q. My name is Florian Miedel, and I am an attorney for

03:25:17 19 Mr. Xu, okay?

03:25:18 20 A. Sure.

03:25:18 21 Q. Can you hear me okay?

03:25:19 22 A. Sure.

03:25:20 23 Q. Okay.

03:25:21 24 A. Yeah, I can hear.

03:25:23 25 Q. Thank you.

03:25:24 1 A. Maybe louder, please.

03:25:25 2 Q. Okay. Mr. Gau, I'm going to try to make this as simple
03:25:29 3 as I can for you, okay? I'm going to ask you -- almost all of
03:25:34 4 the questions I am going to ask you are only going to require
03:25:37 5 a "yes" or "no" answer, okay?

03:25:38 6 A. Sure. Thank you.

03:25:39 7 Q. If you cannot answer a question with a "yes" or "no,"
03:25:43 8 please let me know.

03:25:44 9 A. Okay.

03:25:44 10 Q. Thank you.

03:25:52 11 Mr. Gau, you testified that your first trip to China to
03:25:57 12 give a lecture was in 1997, correct?

03:26:00 13 A. Yes.

03:26:01 14 Q. And at the time you were working at AlliedSignal; is that
03:26:05 15 right?

03:26:05 16 A. AlliedSignal, yes.

03:26:08 17 Q. Which later joined with Honeywell, correct?

03:26:10 18 A. Yes.

03:26:11 19 Q. And during that 1997 trip, you lectured at a university
03:26:17 20 in Beijing, correct?

03:26:19 21 A. Yes.

03:26:19 22 Q. And also at NUAA in Nanjing, correct?

03:26:24 23 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:26:25 24 Q. And you lectured to students of engineering, right?

03:26:29 25 A. Yes.

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03:26:30 1 Q. And, Mr. Gau, there is absolutely nothing wrong with
03:26:34 2 doing that, right?

03:26:35 3 A. Yes.

03:26:38 4 Q. You agree that there is nothing wrong with doing that?

03:26:40 5 A. Yes, I agree.

03:26:42 6 Q. There is nothing wrong with an engineer like you sharing
03:26:47 7 your experience and expertise, correct?

03:26:50 8 A. Yes.

03:26:52 9 Q. And would you agree that scientists and experts and
03:26:58 10 professionals from the United States often travel to other
03:27:02 11 countries to give presentations, correct?

03:27:05 12 A. Yes.

03:27:06 13 Q. And they may attend seminars or teach seminars, right?

03:27:11 14 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:27:12 15 Q. And talk at conferences, right?

03:27:14 16 A. Yes.

03:27:14 17 Q. And provide technical exchanges, right?

03:27:19 18 A. Yes.

03:27:20 19 Q. And scientists and professionals and engineers from other
03:27:25 20 countries come to the United States and do the same thing,
03:27:27 21 right?

03:27:28 22 A. Yes, I agree.

03:27:30 23 Q. Okay. In fact, on your direct testimony, you mentioned a
03:27:38 24 Professor Gao that you got to know at NUAA.

03:27:41 25 A. Yes.

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03:27:42 1 Q. Do you remember that?

03:27:43 2 A. Yes, I know him.

03:27:44 3 Q. And he's a professor in helicopter engineering; is that

03:27:48 4 right?

03:27:48 5 A. Rotor dynamics, yes.

03:27:52 6 Q. Rotor dynamics?

03:27:53 7 A. That's aerodynamics. It's different from my field.

03:27:57 8 Q. Okay. And Professor Gao, he came with his colleagues to

03:28:01 9 the United States in 1998, right?

03:28:04 10 A. Yes.

03:28:06 11 Q. And he went to attend a professional conference, right?

03:28:10 12 A. Yes, I think so.

03:28:12 13 Q. Okay. And you met with him at that time in Arizona,

03:28:15 14 right?

03:28:17 15 A. Yes.

03:28:18 16 Q. And, again, there is nothing -- nothing wrong with that,

03:28:20 17 right?

03:28:21 18 A. Nothing wrong as turn this to real high.

03:28:27 19 Q. Right. But there is nothing --

03:28:29 20 A. Nothing wrong.

03:28:29 21 Q. Mr. Gau, there is nothing wrong with a professional

03:28:33 22 coming to the United States and participating in conferences,

03:28:36 23 right?

03:28:36 24 A. I agree, nothing wrong.

03:28:38 25 Q. Now, Mr. Gau, I'm going to take you through the different

03:28:48 1 times that you went to China just like Mr. Mangan did, okay?

03:28:51 2 A. Yes.

03:28:52 3 Q. So the first time, as we already said, you went in 1997,

03:28:58 4 right?

03:28:58 5 A. Yes.

03:28:58 6 Q. And you lectured to students at NUAA, right?

03:29:02 7 A. Student, yes.

03:29:04 8 Q. And that's when you met Professor Gao?

03:29:06 9 A. Yes.

03:29:07 10 Q. And during that trip in 1997, nobody asked you, in China,

03:29:14 11 to reveal any trade secrets, right?

03:29:17 12 A. No.

03:29:18 13 Q. Okay.

03:29:20 14 A. It's all academic.

03:29:21 15 Q. Right. And then you went back to China in the year 2000,

03:29:28 16 correct?

03:29:28 17 A. Yes.

03:29:29 18 Q. And at that time you also again gave a presentation at

03:29:37 19 the University in Nanjing, correct?

03:29:39 20 A. Yes.

03:29:40 21 Q. And, in fact, there were more than 100 students that

03:29:43 22 attended that seminar; isn't that right?

03:29:47 23 A. I cannot remember exactly. Probably 50.

03:29:49 24 Q. More like 50?

03:29:50 25 A. Yeah.

03:29:51 1 Q. Okay. And during that trip in -- in 2000, that's when
03:30:00 2 you met Mr. Zha Rong, right?

03:30:04 3 A. Yes, first time.

03:30:06 4 Q. The first time. And he was with the NUAA Foreign Affairs
03:30:09 5 Office, correct?

03:30:10 6 A. Yes.

03:30:10 7 Q. Now, during that trip in 2000, nobody asked you to reveal
03:30:16 8 any trade secrets, right?

03:30:17 9 A. No.

03:30:20 10 Q. All right. Let's move on to the trip that you took in
03:30:26 11 2002-2003. You left in December and came back in January,
03:30:31 12 right?

03:30:31 13 A. That's correct.

03:30:31 14 Q. Okay. December 2002 and you came back January 2003?

03:30:37 15 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:30:38 16 Q. In fact, you brought your mother along for that trip,
03:30:42 17 right?

03:30:42 18 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:30:43 19 Q. And during that trip, you did not give a lecture,
03:30:49 20 correct?

03:30:49 21 A. No.

03:30:51 22 Q. But you --

03:30:52 23 A. It's all sight-seeing.

03:30:54 24 Q. Sight-seeing, right. But during that trip, you still met
03:30:58 25 up -- or you met some people from NUAA, correct?

03:31:01 1 A. Yes.

03:31:02 2 Q. You met Professor Gao, right?

03:31:04 3 A. Yes.

03:31:04 4 Q. And you met Zha Rong, right?

03:31:07 5 A. Yes. He was along with me this sight-seeing trip.

03:31:14 6 Q. Okay. And during that trip in 2002-2003, nobody asked

03:31:18 7 you to reveal any trade secrets, right?

03:31:21 8 A. No. Talk in technical -- technically no talk.

03:31:28 9 Q. Right. But my question is specifically, during that time

03:31:31 10 nobody asked you to reveal any trade secrets, right?

03:31:34 11 A. That's right, I agree. No, no one.

03:31:37 12 Q. Thank you.

03:31:45 13 Now then, more than a decade passed without you having

03:31:54 14 any contact with anyone from NUAA, correct?

03:31:57 15 A. That's correct.

03:31:57 16 Q. And then in 2014 you received a greetings email from Zha

03:32:05 17 Rong, correct?

03:32:06 18 A. Yeah, a greeting.

03:32:08 19 Q. Yes.

03:32:08 20 A. In 2014, January.

03:32:10 21 Q. And you talked about that on direct examination earlier

03:32:13 22 today, right?

03:32:13 23 A. Yes.

03:32:16 24 Q. And after that greeting email, there was another year

03:32:22 25 without any contact, or year and a half, right?

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03:32:25 1 A. Yes.

03:32:26 2 Q. And then the next time you had contact with him was in

03:32:29 3 2016, correct?

03:32:30 4 A. Yes, the beginning of 2016.

03:32:33 5 Q. Beginning of 2016. And in that -- in those conversations

03:32:38 6 or in that conversation at the beginning of 2016, you told Zha

03:32:44 7 Rong that you were coming -- you happened to be going to China

03:32:46 8 in March of 2016, right?

03:32:48 9 A. Yes.

03:32:49 10 Q. And so you ended up meeting up with him in Beijing,

03:32:54 11 correct?

03:32:56 12 A. During the transit, right.

03:32:58 13 Q. Right. So you met up with him when you arrived in

03:33:02 14 Beijing before you went on to your other destinations, right?

03:33:05 15 A. Yes.

03:33:06 16 Q. And then you met up with him again on the way back?

03:33:09 17 A. Yes.

03:33:13 18 Q. And during that trip he introduced you to Mr. Xu,

03:33:15 19 correct?

03:33:15 20 A. Yes.

03:33:18 21 Q. And he introduced you by that name, Xu, right?

03:33:25 22 A. Xu, X-U.

03:33:31 23 Q. X-U. And you met with Mr. Zha Rong and Mr. Xu a couple

03:33:37 24 of times for dinner; isn't that right?

03:33:38 25 A. Yes. Just during the transit.

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03:33:40 1 Q. Right. And they paid -- they ended up paying for your
03:33:48 2 hotel, right?

03:33:49 3 A. Yes.

03:33:50 4 Q. And you testified also that during that meeting you were
03:33:56 5 given \$3,000, correct?

03:33:57 6 A. Yes.

03:33:58 7 Q. Okay. Which you took, right? You accepted it?

03:34:02 8 A. Excuse me. I did not hear your question.

03:34:05 9 Q. You accepted that money, right?

03:34:07 10 A. Yes.

03:34:07 11 Q. Okay.

03:34:09 12 A. Yes. I was surprised. Tried to return it. And then,
03:34:15 13 you know, back and forth, but I took it eventually.

03:34:18 14 Q. Okay. But during that trip in 2016 when you met with
03:34:43 15 those two gentlemen in Beijing --

03:34:45 16 A. Yes.

03:34:45 17 Q. -- they didn't ask you to reveal any trade secrets,
03:34:50 18 right?

03:34:50 19 A. No. Just like old acquaintance. I treat them like a
03:34:55 20 old acquaintance.

03:34:56 21 Q. Okay. And then when you returned to the United States in
03:35:07 22 March of 2016, a couple of months later you started a
03:35:12 23 correspondence on WeChat with Zha Rong and then perhaps
03:35:19 24 Mr. Xu, right?

03:35:19 25 A. Yes.

03:35:20 1 Q. And you continued that correspondence over the course of
03:35:26 2 the year, right?

03:35:27 3 A. Yes.

03:35:28 4 Q. And then you had discussions with them about coming to
03:35:33 5 China at the end of 2016 in November, right?

03:35:36 6 A. Yes. For the concert --

03:35:36 7 Q. Right.

03:35:40 8 A. -- of my friend, right.

03:35:42 9 Q. But before that they had asked when are you next coming
03:35:46 10 to China, and you told them that you weren't sure, right?

03:35:49 11 A. That's correct.

03:35:51 12 Q. Okay.

03:35:52 13 A. I not sure when.

03:35:55 14 Q. And then during the WeChat conversations, you suddenly
03:35:57 15 told them, oh, actually I'm coming next week. Do you remember
03:36:01 16 that?

03:36:01 17 A. Yes.

03:36:02 18 Q. Okay. And they were surprised, right?

03:36:03 19 A. Sorry. I didn't catch that.

03:36:06 20 Q. They were surprised, right?

03:36:08 21 A. That's a fight?

03:36:10 22 Q. They were surprised by the fact that -- withdrawn.
03:36:16 23 You told them that you were coming next week, right?

03:36:20 24 A. Uh-huh.

03:36:20 25 Q. They were surprised by that, that you hadn't talked about

03:36:23 1 that before, right? You suddenly said, I'm coming next week,
03:36:27 2 and they were surprised by that; is that right?
03:36:34 3 A. There was a concert set up, you mean.
03:36:35 4 Q. I'll move on.
03:36:37 5 A. Okay. Sorry I didn't not catch the word "file." Is
03:36:44 6 the file? You mean a file?
03:36:46 7 Q. No.
03:36:46 8 A. Or a fire?
03:36:47 9 Q. Mr. Gau, I will ask you a question, and then we can go
03:36:50 10 on, okay?
03:36:51 11 A. Yes.
03:36:52 12 Q. Thank you.
03:36:56 13 When you told them that you were going to be coming to
03:36:59 14 China the following week, they asked you to send some
03:37:05 15 materials for your presentation, right? Do you remember that?
03:37:11 16 A. Oh, yeah, 2007 --
03:37:16 17 Q. Two thousand --
03:37:18 18 A. -- 17, presentation's 17 October.
03:37:19 19 Q. Mr. Gau, I am still talking about the conversations that
03:37:24 20 you had in the fall of 2016 --
03:37:26 21 A. Okay.
03:37:26 22 Q. -- with Zha Rong and Mr. Xu over WeChat.
03:37:30 23 A. Okay.
03:37:30 24 Q. Okay?
03:37:31 25 A. Okay.

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03:37:32 1 Q. And over WeChat, you told them you were going to be
03:37:35 2 coming to China the following week. Do you remember that?
03:37:37 3 A. Yes.
03:37:38 4 Q. Okay. And they asked you to do a presentation, right?
03:37:42 5 A. Yes.
03:37:42 6 Q. And to send materials. Do you remember that?
03:37:45 7 A. Yes. Yes, yes.
03:37:48 8 Q. Okay.
03:37:51 9 MR. MIEDEL: Can we put on the -- can we publish
03:37:56 10 Exhibit 87a?
03:37:59 11 THE COURT: Has this been admitted?
03:38:01 12 MR. MIEDEL: It's in evidence, yes.
03:38:03 13 THE COURT: All right. We can publish it.
03:38:18 14 THE WITNESS: And --
03:38:19 15 THE COURT: Just a moment, please.
03:38:21 16 BY MR. MIEDEL:
03:38:21 17 Q. We are still waiting for the screen.
03:38:23 18 A. Okay.
03:38:24 19 THE COURT: I think it's up now.
03:38:29 20 MR. MIEDEL: Okay. And can we go to page 9?
03:38:44 21 THE WITNESS: I'm there. Thank you.
03:38:46 22 BY MR. MIEDEL:
03:38:48 23 Q. Mr. Gau, are you there?
03:38:48 24 A. Yes, I'm there.
03:38:50 25 Q. Okay.

03:38:51 1 A. Yes, I'm there.

03:38:52 2 Q. And this is the WeChat exchange that you had with either
03:39:03 3 Mr. Zha or Mr. Xu during that time period, correct?

03:39:07 4 A. Yes.

03:39:08 5 Q. And they asked you to prepare some materials. Do you see
03:39:12 6 that at the top there?

03:39:14 7 A. Yes.

03:39:18 8 Q. Okay. And by the way, you went through this exact same
03:39:21 9 exchange with the government earlier today. Is this the
03:39:24 10 same -- it's the same one, okay?

03:39:26 11 A. Yes. I done it previously, yes.

03:39:29 12 Q. Right.

03:39:30 13 MR. MIEDEL: Can we scroll down?

03:39:30 14 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:39:34 15 Q. Now, do you see in the middle of the page it says, "Do
03:39:37 16 you have any materials on hand?"

03:39:39 17 "Because you've made the decision abruptly to come back
03:39:43 18 next week, it's kind of tight."

03:39:45 19 Do you see that?

03:39:46 20 A. Yes.

03:39:46 21 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Gau, you've given a lot of presentations
03:39:54 22 in your career, correct?

03:39:55 23 A. Yes.

03:39:57 24 Q. Okay. And it's common for you to have materials that you
03:40:03 25 prepare for those presentations; isn't that right?

03:40:06 1 A. Only public material, literature material.

03:40:14 2 Q. I understand. But my question is simply this: When you

03:40:17 3 give a presentation to somebody, whether it's students or

03:40:22 4 fellow engineers, you prepare, right?

03:40:24 5 A. Yes. I have to make preparation.

03:40:27 6 Q. You make preparation?

03:40:28 7 A. For the slides.

03:40:29 8 Q. Correct. And you make -- you create materials that you

03:40:33 9 share with the group, right?

03:40:34 10 A. Yes.

03:40:41 11 MR. MIEDEL: Okay. Now can we go to the next page,

03:40:43 12 page 10?

03:40:45 13 Okay. That's fine.

03:40:45 14 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:40:48 15 Q. So they asked for materials, and you said, "There is

03:40:52 16 restriction."

03:40:53 17 Do you see that in the second --

03:40:54 18 A. Yes.

03:40:56 19 Q. Okay. And the response was, "Just try to bring some,"

03:40:59 20 right?

03:40:59 21 A. Yes.

03:41:00 22 Q. Do you see that?

03:41:01 23 A. Yes.

03:41:02 24 Q. Okay. And then if we scroll down a little bit, you see

03:41:10 25 that the response from China is, "Any materials would work."

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03:41:14 1 Do you see that?

03:41:14 2 A. Yes, I saw, any material.

03:41:17 3 Q. Any materials?

03:41:18 4 A. Sure.

03:41:20 5 Q. So nobody at this point was asking for any specific

03:41:26 6 materials, correct?

03:41:27 7 A. It's not very specific.

03:41:29 8 Q. No, not specific, right?

03:41:31 9 A. Yeah. Just material, material, material.

03:41:33 10 Q. Right.

03:41:34 11 A. That's what I said, information, information,

03:41:37 12 information.

03:41:38 13 Q. Correct.

03:41:38 14 A. But I want specific, and I don't know what type of

03:41:47 15 material.

03:41:47 16 Q. I understand. Mr. Gau, just a reminder, most of the

03:41:48 17 questions I am going to ask you just require a "yes" or "no,"

03:41:51 18 okay?

03:41:51 19 A. Okay.

03:41:52 20 Q. If you don't understand or need me to ask -- reask the

03:41:56 21 question, please just tell me, okay?

03:41:57 22 A. Okay. Sorry about that.

03:41:58 23 Q. No, no problem.

03:42:00 24 Now, it turns out you never ended up going to China on

03:42:09 25 that trip at that time, correct?

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03:42:10 1 A. There is snowstorm.

03:42:10 2 Q. Right.

03:42:14 3 A. No, I did not go.

03:42:15 4 Q. Thank you. And as a result, you never sent any materials

03:42:25 5 for the presentation, correct?

03:42:26 6 A. No, not -- no presentation, no.

03:42:30 7 Q. Right. And the people in China never followed up to ask

03:42:36 8 you for more materials, correct?

03:42:38 9 A. Yes.

03:42:39 10 Q. Okay. Now, in the beginning of 2017 --

03:42:49 11 MR. MIEDEL: You can take that down.

03:42:49 12 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:42:52 13 Q. In the beginning of 2017, you continued to have

03:42:56 14 communications with Mr. Xu on WeChat, right? After this

03:43:04 15 exchange that we just saw, you continued to talk to him on

03:43:07 16 WeChat?

03:43:07 17 A. Yeah.

03:43:09 18 Q. And then there came a time in early 2017 when he told you

03:43:17 19 that his colleague Mujin was going to be the one arranging

03:43:22 20 your next trip to China, right?

03:43:24 21 A. Yes.

03:43:25 22 Q. Okay. And Mujin was a female as we saw in the picture,

03:43:29 23 correct?

03:43:29 24 A. Yes.

03:43:30 25 Q. And you started chatting with her regularly on WeChat,

03:43:34 1 right?

03:43:34 2 A. Yes.

03:43:35 3 Q. And you talked with her about all kinds of things, right?

03:43:39 4 A. Yes.

03:43:41 5 Q. You talked about opera, for example?

03:43:43 6 A. Yes.

03:43:44 7 Q. And you talked about travel and hiking and reading,

03:43:48 8 right?

03:43:48 9 A. Yes.

03:43:49 10 Q. But before October 2017, you did not talk to her really

03:43:57 11 about your work, right?

03:43:59 12 A. No.

03:44:00 13 Q. Okay. Now, you planned a trip to China in October of

03:44:08 14 2017, right?

03:44:10 15 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:44:11 16 Q. And that trip was going to involve visiting family in

03:44:15 17 Taiwan, right?

03:44:16 18 A. Yes, on the route.

03:44:19 19 Q. I'm sorry?

03:44:20 20 A. On route of Taiwan.

03:44:22 21 Q. Okay. And then also you were going to go to China to

03:44:28 22 give a presentation at NUAA, right?

03:44:30 23 A. Yes. Not NUAA. In a hotel, 2017.

03:44:36 24 Q. Okay. And then you were also going to do some

03:44:38 25 sight-seeing, right?

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03:44:40 1 A. Sorry. I did not catch.

03:44:43 2 Q. You were going to do some sight-seeing?

03:44:45 3 A. Sight-seeing, yes.

03:44:46 4 Q. Yes. You left the United States for China on October 10,

03:44:57 5 2017, right?

03:44:58 6 A. Yes.

03:44:59 7 Q. Okay. The day before, on October 9, 2017, is the first

03:45:06 8 time that Mujin asked you about the presentation, right?

03:45:09 9 A. Yes.

03:45:14 10 Q. She sent those four topics. Do you remember that?

03:45:18 11 A. Yes.

03:45:18 12 Q. And that was on the day before you left for China, right?

03:45:22 13 A. Yes, very close. I remember it was very close. Just

03:45:30 14 before I took the trip.

03:45:31 15 Q. Right.

03:45:32 16 A. Now very, very close.

03:45:35 17 Q. Okay. And she sent you that list of four possible topics

03:45:39 18 for your presentation on WeChat, right?

03:45:42 19 A. Yes.

03:45:43 20 Q. Okay. Now, when the FBI came to talk to you in 2018,

03:45:51 21 they took your phone, right? They took your telephone, your

03:45:57 22 cell phone?

03:45:58 23 A. Oh, cell phone, yes.

03:45:59 24 Q. And they also took your computer, right?

03:46:01 25 A. Yes.

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03:46:02 1 Q. And they took pictures of those WeChats that you had with
03:46:09 2 Mujin during that time period; is that right?

03:46:14 3 MR. MANGAN: Objection.

03:46:14 4 THE COURT: Excuse me. Give me just a moment.
03:46:17 5 There is an objection.

03:46:20 6 Basis?

03:46:22 7 THE WITNESS: You mean the full --

03:46:23 8 THE COURT: Give me just a moment, sir.

03:46:27 9 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

03:46:32 10 MR. MANGAN: Objection. Foundation.

03:46:34 11 THE COURT: Sustained.

03:46:38 12 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:46:39 13 Q. Mr. Gau, you are aware that the FBI translated the
03:46:44 14 communications that you had between yourself and Mujin, right?
03:46:49 15 You've seen those?

03:46:50 16 A. Translated.

03:46:51 17 Q. Yes.

03:46:52 18 A. You mean all the scripts?

03:46:54 19 Q. Yes.

03:46:55 20 A. Conversation, yes.

03:46:56 21 Q. You've seen that? You've seen those?

03:46:58 22 A. Yes.

03:46:58 23 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document that is -- just
03:47:14 24 for purposes of identification is GP8675.

03:47:19 25 MR. MIEDEL: And just the witness, please.

03:47:22 1 THE COURT: We will show that document to the
03:47:24 2 witness and opposing counsel.

03:47:33 3 MR. MANGAN: We object, Your Honor.

03:47:34 4 THE COURT: I haven't seen it. May I see it?

03:47:41 5 MR. MIEDEL: Sure.

03:47:47 6 THE COURT: What's the basis of the objection?

03:47:50 7 MR. MANGAN: As to the purpose. This isn't --

03:47:53 8 THE COURT: Would you mind taking your mask off and
03:47:56 9 speaking into a microphone.

03:47:58 10 MR. MANGAN: I'm sorry, Your Honor. This isn't a
03:48:01 11 witness refreshing recollection.

03:48:09 12 THE COURT: Ask your question first. What's your
03:48:12 13 question, Mr. Miedel.

03:48:16 14 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:48:17 15 **Q.** Is it on the screen? Do you see it?

03:48:19 16 THE COURT: Your question?

03:48:20 17 MR. MIEDEL: I am asking Mr. Gau if he can see the
03:48:20 18 document.

03:48:23 19 THE COURT: All right. Can you --

03:48:23 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can see it.

03:48:25 21 MR. MIEDEL: Can we zoom into the bottom there?

03:48:27 22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I remember.

03:48:29 23 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:48:29 24 **Q.** Okay. My question to you is, are these the four topics
03:48:35 25 that Mujin asked you to possibly consider presenting on at

03:48:42 1 that conference, or at the talk?

03:48:44 2 A. Yes.

03:48:51 3 MR. MIEDEL: Okay. May I have that back, Your
03:48:53 4 Honor?

03:48:53 5 THE COURT: Yes.

03:49:02 6 If you will give me a moment, please.

03:49:04 7 (Pause.)

03:49:29 8 Thank you. You may proceed.

03:49:31 9 MR. MIEDEL: Thank you.

03:49:34 10 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:49:35 11 Q. So, Mr. Gau, these are the four possible topics for the
03:49:41 12 talk you were going to give in Nanjing, correct?

03:49:44 13 A. Yes.

03:49:44 14 Q. Okay. And I think you've already said this, but the four
03:49:50 15 topics that she sent to you were very general topics, right?

03:49:54 16 A. Yes.

03:49:55 17 Q. Okay. The first one was about considerations for
03:50:01 18 generator electronic control design, materials, and circuit
03:50:06 19 design, right?

03:50:07 20 A. Yes.

03:50:08 21 Q. Okay. And that question was a general question, right?

03:50:13 22 A. On the topic, yes.

03:50:17 23 Q. Okay. And that question is not asking you to reveal any
03:50:21 24 trade secrets, right?

03:50:22 25 A. No.

03:50:28 1 Q. Okay. The second question concerns the --

03:50:33 2 THE COURT: Give me a moment, please. If you'd be
03:50:36 3 willing to approach.

03:51:55 4 Counsel, he is testifying from a document that's not
03:51:56 5 admitted into evidence. You need to ask him if he remembers
03:52:01 6 the topics. If he can do that, great. If he can't, you can
03:52:04 7 refresh his recollection with the document. But you need to
03:52:09 8 stop asking about a document that is not admitted into
03:52:13 9 evidence and to which there is an objection.

03:52:15 10 MR. MIEDEL: That's fine.

03:52:20 11 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:52:21 12 Q. Mr. Gau, do you remember the four topics that Mujin asked
03:52:24 13 you to possibly present on?

03:52:26 14 A. Yes, I remember.

03:52:27 15 Q. Okay. Great.

03:52:30 16 THE COURT: So can we take the document down?

03:52:32 17 MR. MIEDEL: We can take it down -- it's down.

03:52:35 18 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:52:35 19 Q. Mr. Gau, one of the questions concerned the three-shot
03:52:40 20 matching control method, right?

03:52:41 21 A. Yes.

03:52:42 22 Q. And that also is a very general question, right?

03:52:45 23 A. Yes.

03:52:46 24 Q. Okay. The third question concerned role in design
03:52:52 25 considerations for the T700 engine?

03:52:55 1 A. Yes.

03:52:56 2 Q. Do you remember that?

03:52:57 3 A. Yes.

03:52:57 4 Q. Okay. And the T700 engine, that's an engine that was

03:53:03 5 developed by General Electric, right?

03:53:06 6 A. Yes, that's true.

03:53:07 7 Q. In the 1970s?

03:53:08 8 A. Yes.

03:53:09 9 Q. Okay. And you did not work at General Electric in 2017,

03:53:16 10 right?

03:53:16 11 A. No.

03:53:17 12 Q. You worked for Honeywell?

03:53:18 13 A. Yes.

03:53:19 14 Q. Okay. And you did not work on the T700 engine, right?

03:53:24 15 A. No.

03:53:27 16 Q. Okay. And then the last questions concerned design

03:53:36 17 considerations for reliable indicators and product design

03:53:40 18 process in mid- and long-term lifespan indicators. Do you

03:53:45 19 recall that?

03:53:45 20 A. Yes.

03:53:45 21 Q. Okay. And that also is a very general question, correct?

03:53:50 22 A. On the topic, yes.

03:53:52 23 Q. Yes. And this communication from Mujin, this list of

03:54:03 24 four questions was the only guidance you received for your

03:54:09 25 presentation from the people in China, right?

03:54:11 1 A. Yes.

03:54:13 2 Q. Okay. Before your presentation in October of 2017,

03:54:23 3 nobody asked you to go back and find Honeywell proprietary

03:54:29 4 material, right?

03:54:30 5 A. That's -- not specifically, no.

03:54:35 6 Q. I'm sorry?

03:54:36 7 A. Not specifically.

03:54:37 8 Q. Nobody asked you?

03:54:39 9 A. Ask, no.

03:54:39 10 Q. Nobody asked you that, right?

03:54:41 11 A. No.

03:54:42 12 Q. Okay. And nobody even asked you in these four questions

03:54:48 13 to put together a slide presentation with Honeywell material

03:54:54 14 on it, right?

03:54:54 15 A. No.

03:54:56 16 Q. Okay. Now, you were leaving for China the following day,

03:55:03 17 right?

03:55:04 18 A. Yes.

03:55:05 19 Q. And so you scrambled and you put together a slide

03:55:09 20 presentation on the 9th and the 10th -- right? -- of October?

03:55:14 21 A. I study for a while history --

03:55:17 22 Q. Okay.

03:55:18 23 A. -- yeah, before getting the topic, because I anticipate

03:55:24 24 there will be a presentation.

03:55:25 25 Q. Okay. And you did that on your own, right?

03:55:27 1 A. After 2016.

03:55:31 2 Q. Yes, exactly. But my question is, you said you
03:55:36 3 anticipated some of the things that you might want to talk
03:55:39 4 about in China, and so you started putting together materials,
03:55:43 5 right?

03:55:43 6 A. Yes.

03:55:43 7 Q. Okay. And you decided which materials to put on there
03:55:47 8 yourself, right?

03:55:48 9 A. Yes.

03:55:50 10 Q. Nobody asked you to put certain materials on that slide,
03:55:55 11 or on those slides, right?

03:55:56 12 A. Yes.

03:55:57 13 Q. Okay.

03:55:59 14 THE COURT: Could I interject here for just a
03:56:02 15 moment?

03:56:02 16 If the translators -- we've been at it almost a half
03:56:07 17 hour. Are you all able to swap out so we have a fresh
03:56:13 18 interpreter --

03:56:13 19 INTERPRETER MURPHY: Yes.

03:56:14 20 THE COURT: -- and so we can continue until 4:30, or
03:56:17 21 should we take a break?

03:56:18 22 INTERPRETER MURPHY: Yes, I can take over, Judge.

03:56:22 23 MR. MIEDEL: They can continue.

03:56:24 24 THE COURT: Are we going to switch the interpreters
03:56:27 25 out?

03:56:27 1 INTERPRETER HARMON: I'm okay. I don't need a
03:56:30 2 switch.

03:56:30 3 THE COURT: And that was Ms. Harmon, right?

03:56:35 4 INTERPRETER HARMON: Yes.

03:56:36 5 THE COURT: All right. She's okay.

03:56:37 6 Excuse the interruption. Please proceed, counsel.

03:56:41 7 MR. MIEDEL: Thank you.

03:56:44 8 BY MR. MIEDEL:

03:56:44 9 Q. Now, you ended up emailing seven --

03:56:50 10 A. Files.

03:56:50 11 Q. -- files, right, to Mujin?

03:56:54 12 A. Yes.

03:56:54 13 Q. On the 9th and 10th of October 2017, right?

03:56:58 14 A. Yes.

03:56:58 15 Q. And two of those files were the ones where you made a
03:57:05 16 mistake about, correct?

03:57:06 17 A. Yes. They are -- they are export controlled.

03:57:12 18 Q. Right. Because they were export controlled --

03:57:14 19 A. Yes.

03:57:15 20 Q. -- correct? Okay. We'll talk about that a little bit
03:57:19 21 more.

03:57:20 22 You arrived in China on October 12, 2017, correct? The
03:57:26 23 day before your presentation?

03:57:27 24 A. Yes.

03:57:28 25 Q. And you met with Mujin and Mr. Xu, right?

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03:57:35 1 A. Yes.

03:57:35 2 Q. And then on the 13th, you gave your presentation,

03:57:40 3 correct?

03:57:41 4 A. Yes.

03:57:41 5 Q. And you said that that involved the three hosts, so

03:57:47 6 Mr. Xu and Mujin and this secretary, correct?

03:57:49 7 A. Yes.

03:57:49 8 Q. And then also three engineers, right?

03:57:51 9 A. Yes.

03:57:51 10 Q. And during that talk, you offered your expertise, right?

03:58:01 11 A. Yes.

03:58:02 12 Q. Now, Mr. Gau, would you agree with me that your expertise

03:58:08 13 is built up over your entire career?

03:58:11 14 A. Yes.

03:58:12 15 Q. It starts with your education, right?

03:58:14 16 A. Yes.

03:58:15 17 Q. And then it goes to the things that you learn while

03:58:18 18 you're working, right?

03:58:19 19 A. Yes.

03:58:20 20 Q. And things that you learn at seminars or trainings,

03:58:23 21 right?

03:58:23 22 A. Yes.

03:58:24 23 Q. All the way up to the present, correct?

03:58:27 24 A. Yes.

03:58:27 25 Q. Your employer does not own your expertise, correct?

03:58:37 1 A. Sorry. I did not catch that question exactly.

03:58:40 2 Q. Your employer does not own your expertise. That's yours,

03:58:46 3 right?

03:58:47 4 A. No.

03:58:52 5 Q. Now, during this talk that you gave, you talked about

03:59:01 6 various topics, correct?

03:59:03 7 A. Yes.

03:59:05 8 Q. You did not talk about all of the topics that you had

03:59:11 9 sent materials over, correct?

03:59:12 10 A. Yes, that's correct.

03:59:14 11 Q. For example, you sent over materials concerning the

03:59:20 12 auxiliary power unit, correct?

03:59:22 13 A. Yes.

03:59:22 14 Q. APU?

03:59:23 15 A. Right.

03:59:24 16 Q. You didn't talk about that, correct?

03:59:25 17 A. No.

03:59:26 18 Q. Okay.

03:59:28 19 A. But it's in the email.

03:59:31 20 Q. Right. So when you said that during that talk you

03:59:42 21 provided your expertise -- providing your expertise, there's

03:59:46 22 nothing wrong with that, right?

03:59:48 23 MR. MANGAN: Objection.

03:59:51 24 THE COURT: Sustained as to --

03:59:53 25 THE WITNESS: I don't --

03:59:54 1 THE COURT: Excuse me. Excuse me. Sustained as to
03:59:56 2 form.
03:59:57 3 BY MR. MIEDEL:
03:59:58 4 Q. Mr. Gau, it's not illegal, it's not unlawful to provide
04:00:03 5 or offer your expertise to fellow engineers, correct?
04:00:07 6 MR. MANGAN: Objection.
04:00:08 7 THE COURT: Objection's sustained.
04:00:10 8 THE WITNESS: This is not --
04:00:12 9 THE COURT: Excuse me.
04:00:13 10 THE WITNESS: Not --
04:00:14 11 THE COURT: Excuse me, please. The objection is
04:00:16 12 sustained. He's not a lawyer. You are asking him for a legal
04:00:21 13 conclusion.
04:00:24 14 BY MR. MIEDEL:
04:00:24 15 Q. In your -- well, you were asked on direct examination by
04:00:28 16 the government about being trained or informed by Honeywell
04:00:37 17 about certain things that you could not share, correct?
04:00:40 18 A. That's right. That's security code training.
04:00:44 19 Q. Right.
04:00:45 20 A. Every year, could not talk to foreigner.
04:00:50 21 Q. My question is simply yes or no, right, were you --
04:00:55 22 A. Okay, sorry.
04:00:56 23 Q. -- did you receive training from Honeywell on what you
04:00:59 24 could or could not share?
04:01:00 25 A. Can you repeat it same question again? Sorry.

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04:01:04 1 Q. Yes, sir.

04:01:06 2 A. A little bit slower. I appreciate that. Thank you.

04:01:10 3 Q. No problem, Mr. Gau.

04:01:12 4 You received training from Honeywell about what topics
04:01:22 5 you could or what materials you could share and which ones you
04:01:28 6 could not share, right?

04:01:29 7 A. Yes.

04:01:30 8 Q. Okay. But Honeywell does not have -- in your opinion,
04:01:40 9 Honeywell does not have the right to keep you from sharing
04:01:42 10 your expertise, right?

04:01:45 11 MR. MANGAN: Objection.

04:01:46 12 THE COURT: Sustained.

04:01:51 13 He's going to ask another question.

04:01:53 14 BY MR. MIEDEL:

04:01:53 15 Q. I am going to ask you another question.

04:01:55 16 A. Okay.

04:01:55 17 THE COURT: And perhaps move along.

04:01:57 18 BY MR. MIEDEL:

04:01:57 19 Q. During that talk in October of 2017, you were not asked
04:02:05 20 specific questions about your -- about Honeywell, right?

04:02:10 21 A. No.

04:02:12 22 Q. Okay. Now, after you left China in October of 2017 and
04:02:26 23 you were back in the United States, you continued to
04:02:31 24 correspond with Mujin on WeChat, right?

04:02:34 25 A. Yes.

04:02:36 1 Q. Okay. And, again, those conversations were pleasantries,
04:02:41 2 right?

04:02:42 3 A. Yes.

04:02:43 4 Q. They were not work related?

04:02:44 5 A. No.

04:02:45 6 Q. Okay. And then on January 7th of 2018, she sent you this
04:02:53 7 document with these engineering questions, right?

04:02:55 8 A. Yes.

04:02:56 9 Q. And we saw that earlier today, correct?

04:02:59 10 A. Yes.

04:02:59 11 Q. And those questions are engineering problems, right?
04:03:08 12 They are problems that they wanted your help with figuring
04:03:11 13 out?

04:03:11 14 A. Yes.

04:03:12 15 Q. Okay. Those questions do not mention Honeywell at all,
04:03:15 16 do they?

04:03:16 17 A. No.

04:03:21 18 Q. Okay. All right. I'm going to move on to something
04:03:38 19 different.

04:03:41 20 You testified that you -- that you pled guilty to a
04:03:48 21 crime, right?

04:03:48 22 A. Yes.

04:03:49 23 Q. Okay. And that crime was evading export restrictions,
04:03:54 24 right?

04:03:55 25 A. Yes.

04:03:55 1 Q. And that related to the two files that you had emailed to
04:04:02 2 Mujin, right?

04:04:03 3 A. Yes.

04:04:03 4 Q. Two out of the seven?

04:04:05 5 A. Yes.

04:04:05 6 Q. Okay. And those two slides concerned auxiliary power
04:04:12 7 units, right?

04:04:12 8 A. Yes.

04:04:13 9 Q. Which you, in fact, didn't even talk about in China,
04:04:16 10 right?

04:04:16 11 A. Not in a presentation.

04:04:18 12 Q. Yes. And do you understand that to be export controlled,
04:04:25 13 it means that this APU or auxiliary power unit technology is
04:04:35 14 on a list of topics or materials that cannot be exported to
04:04:38 15 another country without a license, right?

04:04:40 16 A. Yes.

04:04:40 17 Q. Okay. And you didn't have a license?

04:04:42 18 A. I don't have license.

04:04:44 19 Q. Right. So the crime is not that you shared it but that
04:04:49 20 you didn't have a license to share it, right?

04:04:51 21 A. That's right, I did not have license.

04:04:55 22 Q. Now, I think you testified about this on direct already,
04:05:00 23 but export controlled material is different in your
04:05:06 24 understanding from trade secrets, right?

04:05:08 25 A. It's different from --

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04:05:10 1 Q. Trade secrets.

04:05:12 2 A. I don't understand the difference.

04:05:15 3 Q. Okay.

04:05:15 4 A. I think they are the same.

04:05:17 5 Q. Well, what you said on direct was there -- I think you

04:05:20 6 said there is three sort of classifications, right?

04:05:22 7 A. Right.

04:05:23 8 Q. You called it classified material, right? Do you

04:05:26 9 remember that?

04:05:27 10 A. Yes.

04:05:27 11 Q. And that's material that you're not allowed to share with

04:05:30 12 anyone, period, right?

04:05:32 13 A. Right, right.

04:05:33 14 Q. Okay. And then there is a second category --

04:05:35 15 A. Yes.

04:05:35 16 Q. -- which you can share with somebody -- with certain

04:05:39 17 people, right?

04:05:39 18 A. Yeah. You have to approve the second.

04:05:42 19 Q. And for that second material, if you have a license to do

04:05:45 20 it, you can share it, right?

04:05:47 21 A. Yes.

04:05:48 22 Q. Okay. So the first category you cannot share, period.

04:05:51 23 A. Yes.

04:05:52 24 Q. The second, the material you can share if you have a

04:05:55 25 license, right?

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04:05:56 1 A. Yes.

04:05:56 2 Q. Okay. So they are different, right?

04:05:59 3 A. Yes, there's a different. There's a big different.

04:06:04 4 Q. Big difference. Now, no one ever accused you of sharing

04:06:12 5 the classified material -- right? -- the secrets, the trade

04:06:16 6 secrets?

04:06:16 7 A. Oh, no, no.

04:06:17 8 Q. No. You were accused of exporting material without a

04:06:22 9 license, right?

04:06:23 10 A. Yes.

04:06:23 11 Q. And that's what you pled guilty to?

04:06:26 12 A. Yes.

04:06:32 13 Q. By the way, the two slides that you sent that were export

04:06:46 14 controlled had to do with auxiliary power units, as we said,

04:06:52 15 right?

04:06:52 16 A. Yes.

04:06:52 17 Q. And those were -- or are they known also as APUs, right?

04:06:58 18 A. Yes.

04:06:58 19 Q. Okay. And those APUs on those slides actually concerned

04:07:03 20 the APUs of the Gulfstream V aircraft, right?

04:07:08 21 A. It is similar application to helicopter S-92.

04:07:15 22 Q. Okay. But it's also for the Gulfstream V; isn't that

04:07:20 23 right?

04:07:20 24 A. Yes.

04:07:20 25 Q. And the Gulfstream V was an aircraft that was designed in

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04:07:23 1 the 1990s, right? Are you aware of that?

04:07:26 2 A. I think so. I'm not clear about that.

04:07:29 3 Q. Okay. No problem.

04:07:32 4 Now, you were also aware that Honeywell works with

04:07:37 5 Chinese companies, correct?

04:07:38 6 A. On some of the joint venture.

04:07:43 7 Q. On joint ventures, right? For example, you know about

04:07:47 8 the COMAC aircraft C919. Do you know that?

04:07:51 9 A. Yes. At different division.

04:07:56 10 Q. Sure. But you're aware of it, right?

04:07:58 11 A. Yes.

04:08:00 12 Q. And the C919 is an aircraft or airliner that's made in

04:08:04 13 China, correct?

04:08:06 14 THE COURT: Excuse me.

04:08:08 15 MR. MANGAN: Objection.

04:08:08 16 THE COURT: We will pause for a moment. Objection.

04:08:10 17 MR. MANGAN: Scope, Your Honor.

04:08:11 18 THE COURT: Sustained.

04:08:18 19 MR. MIEDEL: One moment.

04:08:19 20 THE COURT: Very well.

04:08:35 21 BY MR. MIEDEL:

04:08:40 22 Q. You told us you met with the FBI a number of times,

04:08:43 23 right?

04:08:43 24 A. Yes.

04:08:44 25 Q. Okay. And you -- they asked you a lot of questions about

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04:08:50 1 the things that you've talked about today, right?

04:08:52 2 A. Yes.

04:08:53 3 Q. And do you remember telling them about a colleague named

04:09:02 4 Ho Kuo-San?

04:09:03 5 A. Sorry. I did not catch that.

04:09:05 6 Q. Do you remember telling them about a former colleague at

04:09:08 7 Honeywell named Ho Kua-San?

04:09:13 8 A. Could you say that again? Sorry. I apologize.

04:09:17 9 Q. No problem.

04:09:18 10 A. Your exact word.

04:09:21 11 Q. The name of the colleague is Ho, H-O?

04:09:23 12 A. H-O.

04:09:24 13 Q. Kuo-San, K-U-O --

04:09:27 14 A. Oh, yes.

04:09:27 15 Q. Do you remember telling them about him?

04:09:30 16 A. In the investigation, yes.

04:09:31 17 Q. Yes. And that person was another engineer at Honeywell,

04:09:36 18 right?

04:09:36 19 A. Yes.

04:09:37 20 Q. Okay. And when you were in China in 2017, you told

04:09:46 21 Mr. Xu about Ho Kuo-San. Do you remember that?

04:09:49 22 A. Recommend the -- right.

04:09:57 23 Q. You recommended him to him?

04:09:58 24 A. Yeah, I mention about the name.

04:10:00 25 Q. Right.

04:10:00 1 A. Actually not recommending. I mention the name, yes.

04:10:03 2 Q. You mentioned the name. And you told him that he was

04:10:06 3 another engineer at Honeywell, right?

04:10:08 4 A. Right.

04:10:09 5 Q. Okay. And Mr. Xu showed no interest in talking to him,

04:10:13 6 correct?

04:10:13 7 A. No, no contact.

04:10:16 8 Q. Okay. I just have a few more questions, Mr. Gau.

04:10:21 9 So just to briefly recap. You met Mr. Xu for the first

04:10:34 10 time in Beijing in 2016, right?

04:10:36 11 A. Yes.

04:10:37 12 Q. Okay. And he did not ask you for any technical or trade

04:10:42 13 secret information, right?

04:10:43 14 A. No. He is very quiet.

04:10:46 15 Q. Right. And then in November of 2016, he asked you to

04:10:54 16 send material, and he said it could be any material. You

04:10:57 17 remember that, right?

04:10:58 18 A. Yes, I remember that.

04:10:59 19 Q. Okay. And then at 2017, we just discussed the four

04:11:04 20 topics of the presentation, and those were very general topics

04:11:08 21 too, correct?

04:11:09 22 A. There's the T700.

04:11:13 23 Q. Yeah, but there were --

04:11:15 24 A. Four topic.

04:11:16 25 Q. Four general topics, correct?

04:11:18 1 A. Yes.

04:11:18 2 Q. You said that. And as you just testified during the
04:11:24 3 presentation, nobody asked you anything about Honeywell,
04:11:27 4 right?

04:11:27 5 A. No.

04:11:29 6 Q. Right. And then the list of things that Mujin emailed or
04:11:37 7 WeChat'ed you in early 2018 also did not ask you anything
04:11:43 8 about Honeywell, right?

04:11:44 9 A. No.

04:11:45 10 Q. Right. So, Mr. Gau, in all the interactions you've had
04:11:55 11 with Zha Rong, Mr. Xu, Mujin, during that entire time,
04:12:04 12 literally no one ever asked you to reveal trade secrets; isn't
04:12:08 13 that right?

04:12:09 14 A. No. I remember no, no -- no technical question to me.

04:12:22 15 MR. MIEDEL: Thank you very much.

04:12:23 16 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

04:12:24 17 THE COURT: Have you finished your cross?

04:12:26 18 MR. MIEDEL: Yes. I'm done. Thank you.

04:12:30 19 THE COURT: Very well. Redirect.

04:12:32 20 The government lawyer gets to ask additional questions.

04:12:37 21 MR. MANGAN: I didn't hear that, Your Honor. I'm
04:12:39 22 sorry.

04:12:39 23 THE COURT: The government gets to ask additional
04:12:42 24 questions.

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04:12:44 1 BY MR. MANGAN:

04:12:47 2 Q. Mr. Gau?

04:12:50 3 A. Yes, I'm here.

04:12:51 4 Q. Thank you. First of all, regarding the WeChats, we saw
04:12:58 5 the WeChats that you had with someone named YouJun. Do you
04:13:03 6 remember that?

04:13:03 7 A. Yes.

04:13:03 8 Q. When you went to China in 2017, did you talk with Mr. Xu
04:13:08 9 about that WeChat handle?

04:13:11 10 A. Yes, I ask him question, is this your handle. The icon
04:13:19 11 on my cell phone is called YouJun, Y-U-J-A-N [sic].

04:13:29 12 Q. And what did he say?

04:13:30 13 A. He said yes, that's his handle.

04:13:35 14 Q. So he said that was him that was chatting with you?

04:13:39 15 A. I was not sure. There's a switching point. I am not
04:13:47 16 aware of when that happened. But I ask him -- after I ask
04:13:53 17 him, then I realize there's a switching point in between.

04:13:59 18 Q. Okay. The meeting you had in October 2017, that was not
04:14:05 19 with any students, was it?

04:14:07 20 A. That's Mr. X-U I think I met, yeah.

04:14:18 21 Q. Mr. Gau, the meeting you had in October 2017, do you
04:14:23 22 remember it?

04:14:24 23 A. I met him, yes.

04:14:27 24 Q. Do you remember the meeting you had in China in October
04:14:32 25 2017?

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04:14:36 1 A. Yes.

04:14:36 2 Q. In a hotel room in Nanjing?

04:14:39 3 A. Oh, yes, I remember.

04:14:40 4 Q. Were you presenting to students at that time?

04:14:44 5 A. What's your question? Sorry. I did not hear. Is it

04:14:52 6 preventing?

04:14:53 7 Q. I believe you testified before that you -- when you met

04:14:57 8 with them, you only met with Mr. Xu, Mr. Cai, Mujin, and three

04:15:05 9 engineers; is that right?

04:15:07 10 A. Yes.

04:15:08 11 Q. There were no university students, correct?

04:15:11 12 A. No, no student. I initially expect some student, but

04:15:21 13 initially, no. Only three engineers.

04:15:23 14 Q. You thought it was going to be students --

04:15:25 15 A. Yeah, I thought.

04:15:25 16 Q. -- but it wasn't?

04:15:26 17 A. But no student.

04:15:32 18 Q. And they did ask you to send materials, correct?

04:15:34 19 A. You mean send the material?

04:15:41 20 Q. Didn't they ask you to send the materials to them?

04:15:44 21 A. Oh, yes.

04:15:46 22 Q. And they gave you the topics, correct?

04:15:49 23 A. Yes.

04:15:51 24 Q. And they provided you payment for that, correct?

04:15:53 25 A. Yes.

04:15:56 1 Q. And this is while you worked for Honeywell?

04:15:59 2 A. Yes, I working for Honeywell, yes.

04:16:03 3 MR. MIEDEL: Objection. Leading.

04:16:04 4 THE COURT: Don't lead the witness. Please proceed.

04:16:07 5 BY MR. MANGAN:

04:16:07 6 Q. Where were you working during that time?

04:16:09 7 A. What year?

04:16:14 8 Q. In 2017.

04:16:15 9 A. Honeywell. I work at Honeywell.

04:16:18 10 Q. And in your conversations with Mr. Xu, did he know that
04:16:23 11 you worked at Honeywell?

04:16:24 12 A. Yes, I think so.

04:16:27 13 Q. All right. And for all these meetings that we talked
04:16:32 14 about in 2017, in 2016, did you tell Honeywell what you were
04:16:38 15 doing?

04:16:42 16 MR. MIEDEL: Objection. Asked and answered.

04:16:43 17 THE COURT: He can answer it again.

04:16:46 18 THE WITNESS: No. I told them I working Honeywell
04:16:51 19 in a different field, not propulsion anymore.

04:16:55 20 BY MR. MANGAN:

04:16:55 21 Q. Sorry. I meant did you tell Honeywell --

04:16:58 22 A. Yes.

04:16:59 23 Q. -- that you were meeting with Mr. Xu --

04:17:01 24 A. Oh, no, no.

04:17:02 25 Q. -- in China?

04:17:02 1 A. No, I did not tell Honeywell. For 2016 and 2017 trips,
04:17:09 2 I did not tell Honeywell.

04:17:14 3 Q. After you returned from the October 2017 meeting, you
04:17:22 4 received a list of technical requests?

04:17:26 5 A. Yes.

04:17:27 6 Q. And was that from Mujin?

04:17:29 7 A. Yes.

04:17:30 8 Q. And did you provide this work?

04:17:35 9 A. No, no work provide.

04:17:39 10 Q. Is it possible that if you had done this work it might
04:17:44 11 have asked for Honeywell information?

04:17:47 12 MR. MIEDEL: Objection.

04:17:48 13 THE COURT: Sustained as to form.

04:17:48 14 THE WITNESS: I --

04:17:54 15 THE COURT: He's going to ask another question.

04:17:57 16 BY MR. MANGAN:

04:17:57 17 Q. I'll ask a new question, okay?

04:17:59 18 Did these topics touch on or relate to some of your work
04:18:04 19 at Honeywell?

04:18:05 20 A. No, it's not -- it's not related to my work at
04:18:15 21 Honeywell at all because I'm off that propulsion field
04:18:23 22 already for 20 years.

04:18:25 23 Q. But did --

04:18:27 24 A. But in 1997 -- 1996 through 1998, I work at Sky Harbor
04:18:40 25 division, AlliedSignal at that time. There was propulsion.

04:18:49 1 Q. So that was the work that you did at AlliedSignal?

04:18:52 2 A. Yes. In 1999, AlliedSignal became Honeywell, and I
04:18:59 3 already transfer to a different division which is off,
04:19:06 4 completely off from propulsion work.

04:19:09 5 Q. Okay. Did this information relate to work that you had
04:19:14 6 done in the past for AlliedSignal?

04:19:17 7 A. In the nature, yes, it's in the --

04:19:22 8 Q. All right.

04:19:24 9 A. -- turboshaft propulsion field. There are research
04:19:30 10 question, there are basic question, and they are known
04:19:34 11 problem questions, but it's an overlap in the propulsion
04:19:40 12 field.

04:19:41 13 Q. I want to go back to, there were a number of questions
04:19:44 14 that defense counsel asked you about your trips in the '90s
04:19:53 15 and 2000, okay? Do you remember that?

04:19:55 16 A. Yes.

04:19:56 17 Q. And he was asking you about what Zha Rong asked of you
04:20:05 18 during those trips. Do you remember that questioning?

04:20:07 19 A. Yes.

04:20:09 20 MR. MANGAN: Your Honor, I'd like to revisit the
04:20:11 21 question regarding Exhibit 81b.

04:20:16 22 THE COURT: I'm not sure what revisiting is, but go
04:20:20 23 ahead. Is there an objection?

04:20:21 24 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, I think we should discuss
04:20:24 25 this at sidebar.

04:20:26 1 THE COURT: All right. I'll see you at sidebar.

04:20:28 2 It's been a while.

04:26:44 3 (At sidebar.)

04:26:44 4 MR. MANGAN: This was the exhibit that we previously
04:26:44 5 discussed regarding a 2003 tasking from Zha Rong. And they
04:26:44 6 objected because of the time period, as well as some other
04:26:44 7 reasons.

04:26:44 8 Then on cross, they asked a ton of questions about during
04:26:44 9 these trips they never asked you for trade secrets. They
04:26:45 10 never asked you for this. This is him sending a letter asking
04:26:45 11 for it.

04:26:45 12 And then, secondly, Your Honor, we want to point out we
04:26:45 13 had asked for this -- the curative instruction we asked for
04:26:45 14 regarding trade secrets we believe is becoming more and more
04:26:45 15 of a problem with the line of questioning that they are posing
04:26:46 16 about nobody asking for the word "trade secrets." We believe
04:26:46 17 it's -- the cumulative effect is that it's becoming
04:26:46 18 misleading. But, anyway, I wanted to revisit that question.

04:26:46 19 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, I was very careful not to
04:26:46 20 open the door on my questions because my questions were did
04:26:46 21 anyone ask you to reveal trade secrets. The government cannot
04:26:46 22 argue that this requests or asks for any trade secrets because
04:26:46 23 it doesn't. And so I didn't ask did they ask you for any
04:26:46 24 technical information, did they ask you for any engineering
04:26:46 25 problems. Didn't ask any of those things. I asked

04:26:46 1 specifically did they ask for trade secrets, and the answer to
04:26:47 2 that is no. And this -- even with this in the answer would
04:26:47 3 still be no.

04:26:47 4 THE COURT: All right. Last word from the
04:26:47 5 government. If you wish to be heard. I think I've ruled on
04:26:47 6 this, and it's not to be used. I'll talk to my law clerk.

04:26:47 7 THE CLERK: I just have a question. Are any of
04:26:47 8 these trade secrets? These listed items?

04:26:47 9 MR. MANGAN: The point we are trying to make, and we
04:26:47 10 feel it's being blurred by the line of questioning, is that
04:26:47 11 they continually ask for technical information. They are not
04:26:47 12 going to use the word "trade secret." And so we wanted to at
04:26:48 13 least present that they keep asking for technical information
04:26:48 14 from him.

04:26:48 15 I believe the last -- I may be misremembering it -- but
04:26:48 16 he asked about trade secrets, at any time did they ever ask
04:26:48 17 for trade secrets. And he said they didn't ask for technical
04:26:48 18 information, even though he's already testified they had.

04:26:48 19 THE COURT: I am not going -- I'm not -- I'll go
04:26:48 20 talk to my law clerk if you give me some space. Would you
04:26:48 21 step back so I can speak with my law clerk.

04:26:48 22 (Pause.)

04:26:48 23 THE COURT: I've ruled on this specific document. I
04:26:48 24 think it's too -- I think it's irrelevant because it's in
04:26:49 25 2003.

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04:26:49 1 You are welcome to ask him, they asked you whether
04:26:49 2 anybody asked you for trade secrets. Did they ask you for
04:26:49 3 highly technical information. You can leave it at that.

04:26:49 4 I'll give a curative instruction tomorrow on the trade
04:26:49 5 secret. Understood?

04:26:49 6 MR. MANGAN: Understood.

04:26:49 7 THE COURT: Anything?

04:26:49 8 MR. MIEDEL: Well, Judge, as you can tell, I spent
04:26:49 9 almost all of my process about did we ask for trade secrets,
04:26:49 10 right?

04:26:49 11 THE COURT: Um-hmm.

04:26:49 12 MR. MIEDEL: That's the definition of the crime, not
04:26:49 13 did you send --

04:26:49 14 THE COURT: What are you trying to get me to do at
04:26:49 15 this moment?

04:26:49 16 MR. MIEDEL: No. I am trying to suggest that a
04:26:49 17 curative instruction is unnecessary because there is nothing
04:26:50 18 confusing about that. The jury does have to find --

04:26:50 19 THE COURT: I am going to give a curative
04:26:50 20 instruction unless I get something from you that knocks me off
04:26:50 21 it. Let's get these guys out of here.

04:26:50 22 (In open court.)

04:26:50 23 THE COURT: I have resolved things, and you are
04:26:50 24 going to proceed.

04:26:50 25 You may continue with your questioning, sir, pursuant to

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04:26:51 1 the sidebar.

04:26:53 2 BY MR. MANGAN:

04:26:53 3 Q. Mr. Gau, in your visits to China in 2016 and 2017, did

04:27:02 4 Mr. Xu and others continue to invite you back?

04:27:05 5 A. Yes.

04:27:06 6 Q. All right. And like the list from Ms. Mujin, did they

04:27:12 7 ask for you to provide technical information to them?

04:27:15 8 A. I stop after --

04:27:19 9 Q. But did they ask?

04:27:21 10 A. Could you repeat again?

04:27:24 11 Q. Did Mr. Xu and Ms. Mujin ask you to provide technical

04:27:28 12 information?

04:27:32 13 A. On the WeChat, those six topics after I return from

04:27:37 14 China --

04:27:39 15 Q. All right.

04:27:40 16 A. -- in this 2017 presentation, and that's all I got is

04:27:47 17 the six topics, the listing on the Exhibit 89.

04:27:54 18 Q. All right. And during the October 2017 presentation, did

04:27:59 19 the engineers ask you technical questions?

04:28:02 20 A. Yes. I ask them --

04:28:08 21 Q. Okay.

04:28:09 22 A. -- what they need exactly.

04:28:12 23 Q. Lastly, for any of these trips in 2016 and 2017, did you

04:28:20 24 ever bring your Honeywell computer with you?

04:28:22 25 A. No.

04:28:25 1 MR. MANGAN: No further questions, Your Honor.

04:28:26 2 THE COURT: Very well. It's 4:30. Recross on
04:28:35 3 redirect?

04:28:37 4 MR. MIEDEL: Your Honor, very briefly.

04:28:44 5 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

04:28:44 6 BY MR. MIEDEL:

04:28:45 7 Q. Mr. Gau, the prosecutor just asked you -- the prosecutor
04:28:48 8 just asked you whether you were asked about technical
04:28:57 9 information. Remember that?

04:28:58 10 A. Sorry. I do not.

04:28:59 11 Q. Just now when the prosecutor asked you a question, he
04:29:02 12 asked whether you were asked by the Chinese people about
04:29:07 13 technical information. Do you remember that?

04:29:10 14 A. Yes.

04:29:11 15 Q. Okay. In your mind, there is a difference between
04:29:20 16 technical information and revealing trade secrets, right?

04:29:24 17 A. Yes.

04:29:25 18 MR. MANGAN: Objection.

04:29:27 19 BY MR. MIEDEL:

04:29:27 20 Q. Thank you.

04:29:28 21 THE COURT: Overruled.

04:29:31 22 Your testimony is complete, sir. You are free to go.

04:29:35 23 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

04:29:37 24 THE COURT: Au revoir. That's French.

04:29:40 25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

04:29:41 1 THE COURT: Good-bye.

04:29:43 2 THE WITNESS: I can go?

04:29:44 3 THE COURT: Yes.

04:29:54 4 Okay. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, it's 4:30.

04:29:57 5 We're going to break for the day. You've been at it. You've
04:30:01 6 been doing hard work. We recognize and appreciate it.

04:30:08 7 When you go home and the like, no discussing the case
04:30:10 8 with anyone, even people you love deeply. No discussion of
04:30:13 9 the case with anybody. No independent research. Continue to
04:30:18 10 keep an open mind. I need you in the courthouse at 9:15 in
04:30:23 11 the event we can get you to the courtroom at 9:30.

04:30:26 12 Out of respect for you, we'll rise as you leave.

04:30:30 13 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.

04:30:32 14 (Jury out at 4:30 p.m.)

04:31:01 15 THE COURT: The jury's left the room. The door's
04:31:11 16 closed. You may be seated. Give me just a moment.

04:31:56 17 We are prepared to recess for the day unless there's
04:31:59 18 something that requires my attention before we recess. The
04:32:02 19 jury's left the room.

04:32:04 20 Does the government have anything at this point?

04:32:06 21 MR. MANGAN: No, Your Honor.

04:32:07 22 THE COURT: The defense?

04:32:08 23 MR. MIEDEL: No, Your Honor.

04:32:09 24 THE COURT: We're in recess. Enjoy your evening.

04:32:12 25 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: All rise. The court is now

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